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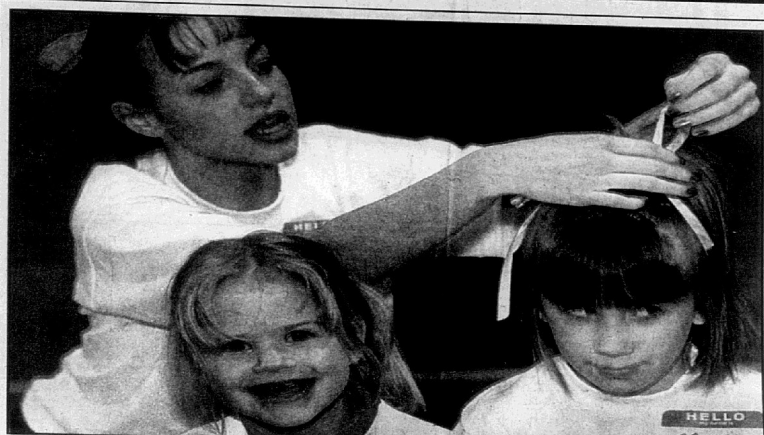
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Pom pon fun — Above, Julie Mills of the Granite City High School Pom Pon squad ties a ribbon in first grader Brittny Shafer's hair at the 10th Annual Pom Pon Clinic. Between them Jessica Lance, also a first grader, is all smiles. Participants joined parents and instructors for a Pom Pon Clinic, the tenth annual such event. For story and more photos, see People, Page 1C.



Growth, taxes top issues in board races

Three seats to be contested

By Scott Kelly
and Scott Cousins
Staff writers

ELECTION '98

Three veteran Madison County Board members will each face three newcomers in the March 17 primary. The races are between incumbent Herbert "Junior" Milton and new-comer Ed Hagnauer for District 22; incumbent Don Garrett and Metro M. Pierson for District 23; and incumbent Donald C. Rea and Fred P. Schuman for District 25. The terms are for four years.

The candidates in the order they appear on the ballot, and the responses they gave to a Press-Record questionnaire, are:

District 22
MILTON, 67, of Granite City has been a county board member since 1972. He is married to Elaine Milton, and they have five children, Herbie, 47, Brenda, 46, David, 43, Sharon, 40, and Linda, 33. They have lived in the area since 1948.

Milton is a retired millwright, and is a former treasurer for Steel Workers Local 67. He graduated from high school, and continued college studies relating to his job activities.

He is of the Protestant faith, and a member of the Granite City Eagles 1156, the Moose Lodge, Elks 1063, Masonic Triple Lodge 835, AMVETS Post 204, Madison, and the VFW in Granite City.

Qualifications: County Board member since 1972; vice chairman, county board since 1986; chairman of the building committee and negotiating committees; President of the Illinois County officials' Zone 1.

Reason for seeking office: "The next decade will be one of unprecedented growth in Madison County. It will take experienced leadership to ensure that growth takes place in all (See ELECTION, Page 4A)

Issues could spark strong voter turnout

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

ELECTION '98

The March 17 primary will bring new faces one step closer to several Madison County offices and will decide the fate of both of the county's nursing and sheltered care homes. The primary may also end an eight-year decline in county voter participation. Madison County Clerk Mark Von Nida said the county had a turn-out high of 52,600 voters in 1988, a number that fell to 32,000 in the 1996 election.

"The county's a drop off of almost 20,000 voters when at the same time, we've added almost 20,000 to the number of registered voters," Von Nida said. He is anticipating that about 40,000 voters — or roughly 25 percent of the 161,000 registered in Madison County — will participate in the primary.

"What we find usually in response

to our local tax referendum is that that causes an increase in our regular turnout," Von Nida said. "It's one of those decisions that goes across state or district lines. It affects everyone in the county."

"The county is seeking approval of a \$6.5 million bond issue to build a new nursing home. That initiative would cost the owner of a \$60,000 home an average tax increase of \$1.80 per year."

The county is also asking voters to allow it to raise its tax rate assessed for the homes to a maximum of 10 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. That would not immediately raise the rate from its current 5 cents. It

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Pook buys Whitehead property

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Madison City Council approved selling one piece of property and took steps to sell a second at Tuesday's council meeting.

The council approved selling about 40 acres — part of what is known as the Whitehead property — to Chris

MADISON

Pook of Gateway International Raceway, and approved a contract with a real estate agent to show a lot at the intersection of McCambridge and Third Street to a convenience store chain.

Pook was the lone bidder for the Whitehead parcel. The property, located off Highway 203 near Bend Road, includes 22 acres of land and the 17-acre Lake Madison. Pook will pay \$194,650 for the property.

The race track also owns another 39-acre parcel in the area. General Manager Rod Wolter said recently that they plan to use the area for parking, a credential area for press,

and possibly moving the general offices off of the racetrack property.

The council also approved a resolution on a contract with real estate agent Brenda Phillips for a one-time showing of the city's property at Third Street and McCambridge to officials with Casey General Stores.

The company had expressed interest in several sites in the Madison and Granite City area.

The council also rescinded its original resolution seeking bids for the property. New bids will be accepted until April 22.

The action was taken to include the real estate agent's commission in the base price of the land, which must be paid by the seller.

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Son implicated with father Pair face federal laundering, conspiracy charges

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The son of a man accused of laundering millions of dollars generated by prostitution in Brooklyn sex shops was arraigned in federal court on a related charge Monday.

Edward Everett Johnson, 32, of Madison, was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering in a superseding indictment filed in U.S. District Court in East St.

Louis on Feb. 19.

He is the son of Everette O. Baker, 58, of St. Louis, who in September was charged in a 22-count indictment stemming from his operation of Fantasy Massage Parlor and Fantasyland Massage Parlor, located on Highway 3 in Brooklyn.

Trial has been set for May 12 in East St. Louis.

U.S. Attorney W. Charles Grace said the new charges against Johnson

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Business seeks annexation into East St. Louis

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A National City property owner planning to seek permits to expand landfill operations for its auto shredding business is attempting annexation into East St. Louis.

Although it may not officially dissolved, adjoining communities are starting to nibble at the edges of National City.

East St. Louis was expected to publish notice of a hearing on zoning for the annexation of 277 acres owned by St. Louis Auto Shredding.

Madison already has a pre-annex-

'The landfill just opened a year or two ago, and the current area they're permitted for has much room left.'

Kathy Vieregge
environmental protection specialist

ation agreement on about 70 acres of Gateway National Golf Links, and is talking to other property owners in the area.

Meanwhile, St. Louis National Stockyards officials are talking to Fairmont City.

A public hearing has been set for

5:30 p.m., March 25 at the East St. Louis Municipal Building, 301 River Park Drive, to discuss the zoning of property owned by National City Environmental LLC, also known as St. Louis Auto Shredding.

"We've filed the petition and it's set to go forward," said Ray Reitt,

an attorney for the company. According to a copy of a pre-annexation agreement obtained by the Press-Record/Journal, the company "seeks to improve the property with a pollution control facility in the form of a municipal and industrial waste landfill."

Reitt said the company was simply planning to expand its auto shredding business and needed more land for storage.

Kathy Vieregge, an environmental protection specialist with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, said the company now has a landfill

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OPINION

SERVING YOU BETTER

Campaign reform can restore voters' trust

As I'm sure you have recognized by the myriad of yard signs, radio ads, TV ads, and mailers, it's once again campaign season. These campaigns, sometimes it seems as though it is always campaign season. Campaigns are becoming more and more expensive, and candidates who wish to be elected are forced to raise more and more money to support their campaign.

Personally, I believe it is time for a change. Government should be about governing and not about campaigning.

Illinois has become one of our country's worst regulated states in regard to campaign contributions. As the law stands, a corporate contributor or Political Action Committee can donate any amount of money that they see fit into a single candidate's coffers.

In effect, most congressional races and even several legislative races now cost millions of dollars. It is no wonder that most people feel shut out of the process, because they feel they cannot compete with the type of contributions from the large corporate special interests.

People feel that if they cannot buy a voice in the legislature, they will not have a voice. They believe that these contributions are unfairly tied to votes for legislation. They realize that they cannot influence, so they choose instead to ignore the process. I believe that by changing the way campaigns are run, we can in turn help restore their faith in the legislative process. We can show them that their concerns and issues are in fact our concerns and issues as lawmakers.

Rep. Tom Holbrook

We had much success last year in the Illinois House regarding the way campaigns are run in the state of Illinois. We placed limitations of contributions at \$1,500 for individuals, \$3,000 for corporations and labor unions, and \$5,000 for Political Action Committees. We banned the personal use of campaign funds. We also banned the acceptance of the gifts from lobbyists for legislators. However, all this was for naught, as the Senate—in effect and without reason—killed each bill that was sent to them by House.

I believe we should continue our efforts this year. We should again aggressively pursue real reform to our political process. We can ill afford another election cycle without real reform, further alienating the voters of Illinois. We must enact legislation to re-energize the electorate. If they feel that they can personally make a difference, they will take action. This is how our government is supposed to work.

If you have any questions about this issue or any other state issues, please call me at my district offices at 394-2211 in St. Clair County, or 451-0200 in Madison County. You can also e-mail me at tholbrook@house.senate.il.us.

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SPREWELL'S AT THE FOUL LINE...OH, OH, LOOKS LIKE HE'S STARTING TO CHOKE



READER POLL RESPONSES

The Suburban Journals recently ran a reader's poll asking, "Do you think that corporal punishment should be reintroduced into Illinois' public schools and why?"

Here are some of the responses. Robert Williams of East St. Louis: "Yes."

Clifford Johnson of Millstadt: "Yes, it should be and why? Because kids have no respect for the teachers. Also they get by with a lot of things we never got by with."

Pearl Wood of Madison: "I certainly do! I think it is urgent because teachers have no control the way it is now. It's a disgrace to have to have security guards."

Paulette Malvin of Collinsville: "Yes."

Our trouble started when school-age children knew they couldn't be punished."

Elizabeth Hettich of East Carondelet: "No! Children learn better with kindness, patience and understanding, no abuse!"

Martina Whitehead of Cahokia: "Yes, because a lot of parents don't punish the kids when they don't mind or show respect for anyone or anything."

Theodore Czaplja Jr. of Cahokia: "Absolutely not!"

"At a time when our schools are preaching zero tolerance for violence, this would be another improper (wrong) message to send to our youth."

"If we tell our kids violence is not the answer, we cannot add 'unless all else fails.' Kids are not dumb and will be confused by such a two-sided message."

Wrong is wrong. If violence is wrong it is wrong in any form; for any reason. I say no to the return of "administered violence" in Illinois schools."

Bernadette Anderson of Cahokia: "Yes. Spare the rod and you will spoil the child. As an educator and an involved parent it is obvious our children have little respect for teachers."

"I would like to know from the parents who are against corporal punishments: Are they more involved in their child's education since the removal of corporal punishment? Do they attend PTA meetings? Do they even know the name of the superintendent of the district? Verbal abuse and emotional abuse are far more damaging to the child than a spanking could ever possibly be."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nursing home debate

TO THE EDITOR:

Attention, baby boomers: More of you turned 50 years old last year. Did you stop and think that in 15 short years you will be 65 years old? Some of you could be in need of a "good nursing home." They could be all filled up. There are only 116 empty beds in the entire county. Think about the way the county is growing. When used to be a rural area, it is now a major metropolitan area. The need down the road for a cost efficient nursing home outweighs the 5-cent tax. We all know construction costs never go down, but spiral up and up in the long run, the cost will be greater.

Wouldn't it be nice to have a good "cost efficient" nursing home already in place for you or your loved one? I think so, because my dear friend, George, has been at Madison County Nursing Home for one year. I agonized over what to do because no one wants to put a loved one in a home. When he needed more care than I could give him, I had no choice. I had him in one place, but I took him out of there. I didn't think the care was adequate for him. Thank god for Madison County Nursing Home. I see firsthand the good it is getting. I would hate to take him out of his home now. He seems to be happy there.

Vote yes on March 17. Punch 159 and 165.

BEATRICE "DOT" RAMACH
Edwardsville

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter to show support for passage of the

SOUND OFF!

Don't support AARP

I would like to urge the senior citizens in our area to oppose AARP. The support tax increases. They lobby for bigger government, and they supported the Clinton health-care takeover. It's not a good association. They should try to look into the United Seniors Association.

Punish everyone, or no one

I'm calling about the situation in Granite City High School being arrested for drinking in a Collinsville motel. These kids should be punished equally, not one severe punishment while others get a very light punishment. They all signed a code of conduct. I think that code of conduct should be carried out. If the wretches can be suspended for the rest of the year, these kids should be punished also.

'Zero' means none

In Granite City, you wrote an article about the youths that were charged at a party at the Travelodge (in Collinsville). I would like to say our athletic director says there's zero tolerance on drug and alcohol abuse. If you're caught, you will be kicked off the team and that's it. He gives this big speech at the beginning of each sports season to the athletes. It seems like the kids at this party just had to resign the captain's position, but they're still on pompons and the sports team. I think they should follow up on what they say and show that Granite City will have a zero tolerance on drug and alcohol use for the children in their schools.

Rules are ignored

As usual, in Granite City it matters who you are (as to) whether you get kicked

off of a sports team or pompons even when you make the front page of the news for alcohol and substance abuse. They make a big speech at the beginning of the year that if you get caught at a party where alcohol is, you get kicked off. Only some kids do. It's all a joke.

Skip the bridge

Do we need a bridge on Lebanon Avenue? It's the only one in the city. We've done away with all the others and can get along with it. There are other places this solution can be used, like reducing the deficit.

There's \$60,000 in interest, plus \$2 million in interest on another debt. These debts with interest threaten city employees' jobs.

Count the kids

I guess children don't count in the census in Collinsville. I had to ask the census taker before he walked away from our door. "Aren't you going to ask me how many children I have?"

I hate to think how many children weren't counted if the people who trained for this job don't ever ask. I'm sure there's lots of young couples that have never dealt with the census before and if they didn't know that was a question, they wouldn't say, "Hey, I have this many kids."

May not be stray

I read in the Opinion section where people were complaining about stray dogs running loose. I had a dog and my dog was not a stray. My dog got out on two occasions only and the dog pound got it both times.

The first time, I was fined \$125 — for an accident. The dog got out. The second time they took my dog and they put my dog to sleep. Thank you to all the people that have been complaining about the dogs because they cost me my dog.

No to nursing home

I'm calling concerning the Madison County nursing and sheltered care homes. I don't think it makes sense to pay taxes on these homes when these people have somewhere else they can be placed. I don't think it's fair to the taxpayers to pay all of these taxes. When you get through paying all these taxes, you don't have any place to stay. Now the County Board should understand that we have people here on fixed incomes and they can't afford it. So, if they want this, they should do it themselves and not put it on the taxpayers' shoulders.

Keep the machines

I recommend we legalize the video poker games. It's a win-win situation for everyone. If we can't do that, I recommend that State's Attorney William Haine raid the Family Fun Time in Collinsville because they have kiddie games there and pay out prizes.

Take all the games

When Madison County State's Attorney William Haine bans video game machines throughout the county, I hope that includes the kiddie versions of these machines that can be found in Family Fun Time. These kids playing the games today are the adults playing the video poker machines at the VFWs and American Legions tomorrow.

Madison County is committing a sin by doing the same. Think about the residents and how they would feel about having to move out, perhaps even to a nursing home in St. Louis. Please vote "yes" on March 17 to save the Madison County Nursing Home and Sheltered Care Home.

WILFREDE HARTGE
Glen Carbon

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is to give a few thoughts as to why I feel the taxpayers should support the Madison County Sheltered Care and Nursing Home bond issue on March 17.

Both of these facilities have been around for some time, and have served the residents well. The problem is that they are both aging buildings that are in need of constant repair and maintenance.

A more cost-efficient option would be to vote "yes" on the bond issues. By voting "yes," the county can shut down two buildings, and instead, operate with just one.

The cost to the taxpayers would only be 5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of personal property. This is a small price to pay for the residents, of whom a vast majority paid taxes in Madison County for many years.

Residents in both facilities receive exceptional care from a dedicated staff. Average tenure for the employees of these two homes is 10 years. In most private-care nursing and sheltered care facilities, the average tenure is measured in months.

As voters, we need to think about what type of impact voting "no" would have on the current employees. More than 100 employees will be out of work. This does affect our county because, at present, their tax dollars as well as their business add revenue.

Another fact to consider is that both facilities accept more Medicaid residents than the private-run facilities. As an example, in 1977, 60.3 percent of Madison County Nursing Home residents in 1977, 60.3 percent of Madison County Nursing Home residents in 1977.

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By Scott Kelly

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Long Lake Auxiliary installs president

The Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens held the monthly potluck dinner on Feb. 28, in the Senior Recreation hall, 3910 Highway 111. Following the meal, names were drawn for the door prize and several attendance prizes were also awarded.

Members playing Bingo the rest of the evening were Earl and Rose Edmiston, Jerri Schieb, Helen Cholewick, Betty McGinnis, Marie Szymczyk, Jackie Trgovich, Harry Martin, Sylvia Massman, Irene Weber, Gertrude Carpenter, Ruth Dagon, Charles Kunick, Louise Gunn, Everett and Alice Hudson, Florence Stewart, Mickey Krusek, Janet Martin, Stanley and Loretta Golab, George Ann Collins, Ely Manor, Harry and Verna Berkbigler, Bob and Ruth Rupprecht, Lotie Ostresh, Pat Mills, Mae Kennerly, Otto and Corrine Kreher, Irene McCaslin, Marie Benson, Gladys Bass, Gertie Ashford, Denzil Brickey, Marge Wubbles, Mary Mize, Johnny and Millie



Maxine Green

Forst, Laurelee Prucell, Maxine Green, Millie Gross, Dorothy Kirksey, Lucille Martin, Carl Carter, Glorine Ropac.

"Fit and Fabulous," a women's program, will be presented from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at GateWay Convention Center, Collinsville. Sandy Hardy Chinn will be the keynote speaker. Call 796-3201 for ticket information.

There will be "something for everyone" at the contemporary Worship Services Tuesday at the Calvary Baptist, beginning at 7 p.m. The adult service will be led by Pastor Paul Westbrook and members

of Metro Community Church. "Youth Jam," a praise and worship service for junior and senior high school students, will be led by Marty DeRoche. "Praise the Lord!" children's worship will be led by "Hands of Grace," a puppet team from Grace Baptist Church. Nursery will be provided and everyone is welcome.

The 53rd meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary Long Lake Volunteer Fire Department, was held at the fire station on Feb. 5. Vice President Evelyn Ringering called the meeting to order and those present said the Lord's Prayer. Secretary Kim Russell read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved. The chairman of the Installation Committee, Margaret Sugg, lit the candles for the installation of Jolynn Isak. The new president for 1998, Committee reports, correspondence, sick and cheer and old business were discussed, followed by new business. Hostess Diane Goodman

served lemon pie, cheesecake with cherries and chocolate pie, with soda and coffee to Corine Kreher, Jolynn Isak, Evelyn Ringering, Kim Russell, Berta Rutherford and Margaret Sugg.

The Ruth Class of the Calvary Baptist Church held its monthly meeting Tuesday evening in the Fellowship Hall of the church. After prayer requests were given, Phyllis Knight led in prayer. She also gave the devotional on "Salt in my Kitchen," taken from several Bible verses the monthly reports were given and approved. New business was a motion to give groceries to Jesus Place, as project of the month. Members reported sending out 85 cards. Games were led by Lois Bevin and prizes won by Norma Ross, Phyllis Knight and Delores Carson. Dorothy Watkins served refreshments to Bernice Boyer, Pat Wallis, Norma Ross, Delores Carson, Phyllis Knight, Lois Bevin and Ruth Dagon.

NEWS IN REVIEW

Editor's note: News in Review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is intended for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record-Journals.

Sex offender gets 50 years

Remorse over Timothy Williams' vile crimes did not sway Judge J. Lawrence Keshner from sentencing Williams to 50 years in prison.

Keshner sentenced Williams, 33, of Granite City Thursday on eight counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault and two counts of child pornography. Two of the counts, 25 years each, are to be served consecutively. He was also sentenced to 25 years or less for each of the remaining counts, to be served at the same time as the 50-year sentence.

He had pleaded guilty in November 1996 to the charges, which eliminated the need for a jury trial. In exchange, the state's attorney's office wanted him sentenced to 50 years instead of the maximum of 60. Williams begged Keshner to allow him to be castrated, so he could carry a physical scar the rest of his life, but Keshner said no. However, the judge said if Williams wanted to do it to himself, the court would not stop him.

Chief upset with judge

Chief Dave Ruebhausen has publicly accused Circuit Judge Edward Ferguson of reducing bonds or letting known and previously convicted drug dealers back on the street without posting a bond.

On Thursday, the Granite City Police Chief said he could see no recourse except to go public on Ferguson's recent actions. Ruebhausen said he is upset about two cases in particular. The first involved a man already on intensive probation from Madison County for dealing drugs, and the second regarded a live drug dealer arrested on live drug counts each. For all three people, Ferguson either reduced their bail to a small amount or eliminated it entirely.

"It's very demoralizing to officers," Ruebhausen said. "I'm upset, my guys are upset," Ruebhausen said.

Venice cracks down on residency

City officials in Venice are cracking down on residency requirements for employees working at the McKinley Bridge. At the March 3 meeting, the Council approved giving the Bridge Committee subpoena powers to question employees on residency. It also gives workers a two-week "amnesty" period to come forward.

Venice city employees are required to live within the city limits.

Mayor Tyrone Echols said there has been some question about residency on several of the 20 or so bridge employees.

One employee has admitted to living outside the city and promised to correct the problem.

However, Echols said city officials believe several employees have not been honest about where they live.

Price offers support to Mitchell

Mitchell's incorporation drive has picked up another prominent GOP backer.

Congressional candidate Bill Price visited Mitchell residents Tuesday and Wednesday to offer support for Mitchell area residents to vote on incorporation.

Price is a Republican hopeful in the March primaries to face probable candidate Rep. Jerry Costello, D-12th District, in the November elections.

"We're 100 percent behind you, and morally what you're doing is right," Price told the Mitchell residents.

Council honors Kiohr, Pook

Former Illinois Department of Transportation regional head Dale Kiohr and race track developer Christopher Pook will be the co-recipients of the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois' Salute to Southwestern Illinois Award.

The award, given to area leaders whose efforts have made an outstanding impact on the development of southwestern Illinois, will be presented at the Leadership Council's annual dinner, at 6 p.m. March 27, at the Gateway Center in Collinsville.

Video ban proceeds smoothly

Monday marked the first day of a two-county ban on video gambling machines — a day that was too long in coming, say some Madison County officials.

"Because of the amount of dollars involved, a lack of regulation on behalf of the players and because it's illegal, it was something that had to be addressed," Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said on Monday. "I think the ban is the only way to do that both fairly and uniformly. These periodic sweeps and raids put the area in a bad light, as well as tavern owners and bartenders who are otherwise lawabiding."

Industrial rail construction to begin in April

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

A key component of Granite City's new Industrial Park fit in place Tuesday when the City Council approved a \$1 million state loan for building a new rail line into the park.

The loan from the Illinois Department of Transportation will pay for building the 2,900-foot line to service the new park on Highway 3. The council unanimously approved securing the loan, which will

be paid at 3 percent interest over 20 years.

The loan repayment will come from the tax increment financing district set up with the industrial park, said Dan

Midwest is the result of a joint venture between Precast Metals, which has a plant further north on Highway 3, and NCI Building Systems.

The plant will have the capacity to produce approximately 250,000 tons a year, and will process 60,000 pound coils 60 inches wide, 84 inches in diam-

importance of rail service.

Preliminary construction for Midwest's 94,000-square-foot plant has already begun. Formal groundbreaking ceremonies will be held March 19.

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The plant will have the capacity to produce approximately 250,000 tons a year, and will process 60,000 pound coils 60 inches wide, 84 inches in diam-

eter from Granite City Steel.

The material will be transported to the plant both by truck and rail.

The plant will employ 50 people to start. It will be located on Missouri Avenue, immediately south of the intersection of Pontoon Road and Highway 3.

The Industrial Park is a 62-acre rail-served development, the first such created by Granite City.

Group pushes amendment

Health care coverage should be a citizen right that is beyond the grasp of corporate greed, a consumer advocacy organization said recently in announcing a series of statewide initiatives.

"There are 43 million people without insurance in this country. I see no room in the health care industry for them, and I don't see the problem getting any better," said Paul Sultan, one of three panel members participating in a session coordinated by the Illinois Campaign for Better Health Care at the Hays Mallory Community Building in Edwardsville.

The nonprofit organization held similar sessions across the state in late February to introduce plans to safeguard access to health care through legislation and an amendment to the state constitution. Such access is threatened by the explosion of for-profit managed care companies, the group said.

The campaign's agenda would address the problem in three ways. It would: Enact consumer protections and quality safeguards in all types of managed care plans. Establish state and local accountability mechanisms when for-profit corporations buy nonprofit health care facilities.

Refocus the debate on whether health care is a right, as espoused by the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago.

Madison muskrat finds new home near lake



Looking rather content, the muskrat tastes some carrot offered by Madison officials.

A muskrat that had taken up residence near the Madison City Hall has been trapped and released near Lake Madison.

Mayor John Hamm said the beast was captured by neighbors Friday, then transferred into a live trap for transport to the lake.

City officials had spent about a week trying to coax the rodent into a trap, but it had avoided capture until some local residents saw it outside city hall and trapped it with a bucket.

Hamm said it ate two carrots on the trip to the lake, and after being released went over to Health Inspector George Amick, sniffed his shoe and then started eating grass.

— Scott Cousins

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An open letter to the voters of the 2nd District, Madison County Board.

Dear Fellow Voters,

As residents of Granite City and voters in the 22nd District, but more important, as parents of three children, we are concerned about the upcoming County Board Election on March 17, 1998.

We are concerned that the destiny and needs of our area are being neglected and lost in a shuffle of paperwork in Edwardsville. We sincerely believe it is time for a change, time for new blood and fresh ideas. That is why we are supporting ED HAGNAUER FOR COUNTY BOARD.

We proudly have chosen to live in the Historic Downtown Section of Granite City, an area that has seen changes over the years. Population shifts away from the Tri-cities to other areas of Madison County have caused a perceptible loss of clout in Edwardsville. We suffer from an "APATHETIC ABANDONMENT."

We look for change not for change sake alone, but to assure a view not to the past but to the future. This should not be a decision between personalities but philosophies. As for those who know us well can verify, we are not a political family. We make an exception with this election as the stakes are high. As we move into the new Millennium, we need aggressive, fresh representation speaking to the future and not to the past. Now is the time to pass the mantle of responsibility to a new generation.

We urge you to vote on March 17, 1998. In Madison County Board District 22, we ask you to vote for ED HAGNAUER.

Thank You,
Tim & Carla Elliott

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•Election

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areas of our county and more importantly that our district shares in that growth," he said.

HAGNAUER, 45, of Granite City is a newcomer to public service.

He is married to Paula Hagnauer, and they have one daughter, Jennifer, 25. Hagnauer is a lifelong resident of Granite City.

Hagnauer is employed as a firefighter, and has worked for the Madison County Highway Department. He is a graduate of Granite City High School and Bellevue Area College. A Catholic, he is a member of Holy Family Church.

His civic activities include the coordinated youth board, past president of Granite City High School Boosters, and is president of Granite City Firefighters Local 253.

Qualifications: Hagnauer lists his union leadership, union negotiator, captain with the fire department and delegate to the Greater Madison County Federation of Labor.

Reason for seeking office: "Accessibility and accountability to constituents of the district, bring fresh and innovative ideas to the county board, create new recreational, educational and employment opportunities through county funds," he said.

District 23
In District 23, long-time County Board member Don Garrett is facing competition from Venice School Board member Metro Pierson.

PIERSON, 46, of Venice, is a member of the Venice School Board, and is Venice Township Clerk.

She is married, and has two children, ages 27 and 16.

Pierson is a student at St. Louis University, and worked for the Madison County Urban League for 22 years as program director for the health care division.

•Land

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permit allowing the company to store the autos.

"The landfill just opened a year or two ago, and the current area there permitted for has much room left," Viergegge said.

As part of the agreement, East St. Louis would agree to adopt a siting ordinance and schedule public hearings. In the event the siting is not approved within 48 months—either by the city or the IEPA the annexation would be null and void.

While there has been speculation on the fate of the village for several years, it has heated up in the last several months because of a court case brought by St. Clair County State's Attorney Robert Haida.

In February, the National City Village Board met to dissolve the village and seek voluntary annexation into East St. Louis.

In an ordinance filed Feb. 6, the National City Village Board cited its "inherent problems in providing for the



Garrett Hagnauer



Milton Pierson

She is a member of New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, the Madison-Venice Rotary Club, Madison County Partnership for Community Health, and the Venice Public Library.

Qualifications: Pierson said she is community oriented, and her 22 years of leadership will help her relate effectively with the district's residents.

Reasons for seeking office: "I feel my skills and my concern for all people would be an enhancement to the County Board," she said. "I will work aggressively to educate and strengthen community awareness of the issues at hand, while creating a positive image for the overall district."

GARRETT, 63, of Madison, was first elected to the county board in 1984. He has also served as a member of the Madison School Board, and as Madison alderman.

He is single and has a daughter, 28. CEO of Don Garrett Associates in Madison, and has worked as a steelworker, salesman, manager, writer and photographer.

A graduate of Dunbar High School, he attended Washington University and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Garrett is a member of Bethel AME church in Venice, and is also a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Association of County Board Members, the National Association of Black County Officials, the Citizens'

Utility Board, YMCA, AARP and Amnesty International.

Reasons for seeking office: "Nobody can represent my County Board area like I can," he said.

Garrett said he was instrumental in promoting minority hiring within the county government, helped set up the Madison County Health Department and encouraged economic development, citing the reopening of the American Steel Foundry and Gateway International Raceway.

District 25
In District 25, incumbent Donald C. Rea faces newcomer Fred P. Schuman.

SCHUMAN, 54, of Granite City is a former alderman and lifelong resident of the county.

He is married to Gloria Schuman and they have three children, Lance, 27, Leah, 24, and Patrick, 20.

Schuman is assistant superintendent for Granite City School District 29. He has been a school principal and a teacher of history, science and sociology. He has a bachelor's of science with a major in history, and a master's of science with majors in history and education.

He is a member of the American Legion. For 12 years, Schuman was a Granite City alderman and has been a Democrat precinct committeeman.

Qualifications: Schuman said his educational preparation and experience as an alderman and as assistant superintendent of schools has made him familiar with large bud-

health, welfare, safety and sanitation needs" of the village.

The ordinance also said the board recognized "our historical ties to East St. Louis and St. Clair County."

All this came after the Illinois Supreme Court refused to consider an appeal of the dissolution of the village of National City. At the time of the Supreme Court decision in February, Haida said it would probably take several months for the orderly dissolution of the village.

He could not be reached for comment on the latest action. In the meantime, surrounding communities have started eyeing property.

To the northeast, Madison has been aggressively annexing property, and several years ago concluded legal disputes with Fairmont City over the annexation of land including Gateway International Raceway.

The two communities have been jockeying for position

adjoining National City for several years.

Madison already has pre-annexation agreements with the owner of Gateway National Golf Links, an 18-hole course set to open in May.

Although most of the golf course is in Madison, about 70 acres is in National City. However, when the bulk of the site came into Madison, the pre-annexation agreement stipulated that the remainder would come in if it ever became unincorporated.

To the east, Fairmont City has had discussions with stockyard owner Joe Frei, vice president for economic development for the stockyard, said discussion is still under way.

The stockyards are the largest single property owner in the village, with more than 400 acres of land.

Since livestock operations ceased in December, stockyard officials have been working on a redevelopment plan for the property.

•Madison

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Phillips said company officials were expected to be in town Wednesday and Thursday to look at the property.

Mayor John Hamm said attracting a store to the location would be especially

available to the city until the TIF expires.

The city is hoping to attract business along McCambridge, and has taken steps to have most of the property along the road rezoned as business.



Rea Schuman

gets and personnel.

Reasons for seeking office: "I am interested in good, limited government," he said. "I am financing my own campaign to maintain an independence in a highly political setting. Governments constantly need fresh, independent eyes."

REA, 59, of Pontoon Beach has been a county board member since 1982 and has lived in the area for 33 years.

He is married to Barbara Rea. Their children are Keith, 40, and Denise, 32. One son, Kevin, has died.

Rea is retired from Granite City Steel, where he was manager of metallurgical services. After graduating from high school, he worked from 1970-74 toward a bachelor's in business administration at SIUE.

He is of the Baptist faith, and is a member of Elks Lodge 1063, AMVETS Post 51, and is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

Rea was also a Pontoon Beach trustee for 16 years, from 1973-1989.

Qualifications: Rea cites his 16 years experience on the board, his complete knowledge of county government and his service on five committees, two of which he chairs.

Reason for seeking office: "To continue to serve the people and to assure that they have the best representation possible," he said. "And continue to fight against any tax increases and bring the tax cap question to the voters as soon as possible."

He is a member of the American Legion. For 12 years, Schuman was a Granite City alderman and has been a Democrat precinct committeeman.

•Charges

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stem from his taking control of the businesses from his father.

In April 1997 and continuing to run the them as houses of prostitution until September 1997 under the name of Gateway Metro Inc. In the original indictment, Baker was charged with 15 counts of money laundering, one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering and five counts of engaging in monetary transactions in excess of \$10,000 from criminally-derived property.

The money-laundering charges carry a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a fine of \$500,000 or twice the amount of money involved. The monetary transaction charges carry a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$50,000 or twice the amount of money involved. Grace said between 1990 and April 7, 1997, Baker laundered in excess of \$8 million in prostitution proceeds and profits from his massage parlor business.

The original indictment also alleged that Baker used proceeds from prostitution to make payments on a construction loan for the building at 208 N. Second St.

•Vote

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would be increased as needed over time.

Von Nida stressed that all voters, whether they have a party affiliation or not, will have the chance to vote on the referendum. In addition to the blue ballot for Republicans and pink ballots for Democrats, there will be white non-partisan ballots, he said.

Those who don't want to pick a party can vote with the non-partisan ballot," Von Nida said. "It just has the referendum on it."

He said he is also anticipating a larger turnout among Republicans. That's in part because of the number of in-state races on the ballot, both locally and statewide.

In state races, Secretary of State George Ryan is being challenged in his bid for governor by Democrat Jerry Costello. In the spot that Ryan is vacating, previous candidate Al Salvi and Robert Churchill will fight it out.

For U.S. Representative in the 12th District, Gail Kohn, member of Red Bud and William Melvin Price of Bellevue are facing off for the seat now held by Democrat Jerry Costello of Bellevue. Costello is in for a challenge as well, from Kenneth Wieser of Granite City. "There's more competition and that's drawing out Republican voters that normally wouldn't bother," Von Nida said. "It's good for both sides to have a challenge."

Locally, they do. That's particularly true of Madison County District 1, where Harold Byers, D-Highland, is vacating the seat he has held since November 1982. That has brought out candidates from both parties. There's a four-way race for the Democratic nomination and there are two contenders from the Republican party.

But most local seats are unopposed. Nick Hamilton, D-Glen Carbon, in District 26 is unopposed as is Larry Trucano of Collinsville, a Democrat running unopposed in District 29. Trucano is seeking the seat now held by long-time member Vergil Fletcher, D-Collinsville, who is not seeking re-election.

In District 27, incumbent Don Sonnenberg, D-Maryville, is being challenged by Michael "Joe" Semanisin, also of Maryville. Semanisin is the son of Michael Semanisin, who held the seat for 22 years before Sonnenberg defeated him in the March 1994 primary.

The winner will face Don Metzler, Republican, from Collinsville, in November's election.

Drug arrests stable

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

The number of drug arrests in St. Clair County remained relatively stable between 1975 and 1989 before increasing every year since.

According to a study released Friday by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, prior to 1991, arrests for violations of the Illinois Cannabis Control Act in St.

Clair County consistently outnumbered arrests for violations of controlled substances.

However, arrests for controlled substances have surpassed arrests for cannabis in 1991, 1993 and 1996.

The quantity of crack cocaine seized in St. Clair County increased significantly between 1991 and 1995, while the homicide rate decreased dramatically during this time. In particular, 1994 and 1995 reported the highest crack seizures as well as large decreases in homicide rates. The ICJIA believes this may be because of the maturation of the crack market as dealers settle into areas and establish territory as opposed to the emergence of drug markets where conflict often arises over drug market territory.

According to ICJIA, approximately 2,900 grams of crack cocaine were seized in St. Clair County from 1994 and 1995. Overall, drug arrests in St. Clair County show a similar trend.

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News

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

This column was compiled from Press-Record files by staff writer Scott Kelly.

2 years ago

March 10, 1996 — After a 50-year wait, Nazi Germany got to invade the United States. At least one of the trucks made it.
Last week the newest addition to the Armed Forces Museum of St. Louis — a Czechoslovakian-made version of a German half-track — arrived at the museum's home at the Charles Melvin Price Support Base.
It joins 80 other vehicles at the museum, ranging from the Vietnam-era Cobra gunship to prototypes of the jeep. The half-track came from a Louisville, Ky. dealer who bought it from dealers in England.

5 years ago

March 10, 1993 — Rainwater has apparently been leaching lead and other contaminants from the Tarcop waste pile at 15th and State streets, leaving the surrounding groundwater highly contaminated.
The contaminants appeared in two recent testing series performed on the groundwater from the US Environmental Protection Agency's monitoring wells around the site. Previous tests had not shown any contamination, but EPA officials now say those tests were flawed.
The pile is made of scrap battery casings and slag from a former secondary smelter at the site.

10 years ago

March 13, 1988 — Pastors at Granite City's four Roman Catholic churches are proceeding with a plan

to close two of the churches and the Sacred Heart-St. Joseph School, said the Rev. William Fisher-Keller. Bishop Daniel Ryan is expected to give final approval to the plan this week.
Under the plan, St. Margaret Mary and St. Joseph churches would be closed, and parishioners would be divided between the two remaining parishes, St. Elizabeth and Sacred Heart.

25 years ago

March 15, 1973 — The first major renovation and refurbishing of the Masonic Temple in Granite City since its construction in 1915 will be undertaken this summer.
The project is expected to cost \$60,000. Results of a survey by professional engineers showed the building is structurally sound and in a good central location at 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard.
Replacement of the 56-year-old structure in today's prices is estimated at \$500,000.

50 years ago

March 14, 1938 — An analysis of the 1937 financial statements of the Granite City Steel Co. released today by the board of directors showed that although the net sales amounted to 30.8 percent more than 1936, net profit realized on this was 11.9 percent less than the previous year.
The board admitted the year was not satisfactory, and said that although the new mills obtained fully efficient operations, politics and economic conditions caused many uncertainties in 1937.

Deckhand classes set for March 23 at BAC

If you are interested in a career on the Mighty Mississippi, then consider the 16-credit hour Deckhand Certificate program offered at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus. Space is still available in the next session of eight-week classes beginning March 23.

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2:30 p.m., five days a week. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and pass a physical exam and drug screening.

For more information, contact Deckhand Program Coordinator Gary Coates at (618) 797-1367, or toll-free at 1-800-BAC-5131, extension 471 or 472.

Verticchio mounts challenge to Shimkus

By Becky Vollmer

Telephone staff writer
Invoking the sentiments of a well-loved Democrat, Gillespie attorney Rick Verticchio on Monday officially kicked off his write-in campaign to challenge U.S. Rep. John Shimkus. "If not now, when? If not me, who?" Verticchio said, paraphrasing the words of former President John F. Kennedy before a crowd of about 70 spectators. "Nobody else wants to come forward. I'm taking on this challenge."

Surrounded by members of his family, including his children, Gina, "Jono," and Juli-

ana, Verticchio held a press conference Monday inside the Madison County Administration Building, hoping to gain momentum in his drive to become a write-in candidate on the March 17 primary ballot.

If the 44-year-old Democrat from Macoupin County does not gather the necessary 641 write-in votes, he could be placed on the ballot by a Democratic caucus in May.

Verticchio said he is running for the seat in order to give the voters here a voice in Washington. He maintains that Shimkus, R-Collinsville, is simply a GOP foot soldier who

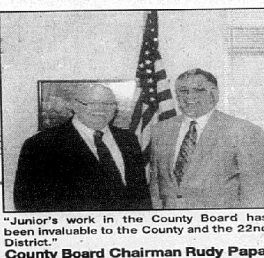
ignores constituents.

Verticchio vowed to emphasize face-to-face contact with constituents, to protect Social Security and Medicare and work to improve education.

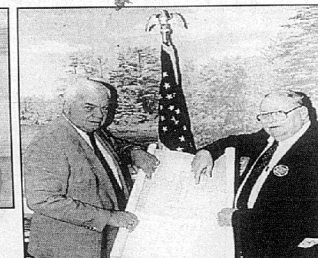
Introducing the candidate to the crowd, Madison County Board Chairman Rudy Papa said Verticchio is "someone I feel, and the Democratic party feels, will make an excellent person for us in Congress."

Verticchio was not the first potential candidate tapped by Democrats to challenge Shimkus. At least three others turned down invitations to run, despite support.

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"Junior's work in the County Board has been invaluable to the County and the 22nd District."
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Sheriff Bob Churchich



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Granite City Mayor Ron Selph, Madison Mayor John Hamm, Venice Township Supervisor Andy Economy

"As a senior member of the County Board, Junior Milton carries out that he uses on behalf of his constituents in Granite City and Madison."
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Police warn of rip-offs, scams

The following information was provided by Granite City Police Chief David Ruebhausen and Public Safety Officer Mike Sparks, in the latest issue of Crime Watch, warning people to be aware of the signs that someone is trying to scam or con you.

Pigeon drop

If you want to see a classic pigeon drop on film, rent the video "The Sting," starring Paul Newman. The movie begins with Robert Redford pulling a pigeon drop on an unsuspecting gambler. Basically, what happens is this:
A victim is approached by strangers who claim to have found a large bag containing money.

The victim is convinced to put up "good faith" money to share in the find and is driven to his or her bank to obtain the money.

The good faith money is then put in a purse or parcel for safe keeping. The victim is then distracted while the parcel containing his money is switched.

The parcel is later given to the victim for safe keeping and the strangers leave to make

final arrangements and then never return.

This con game was recently played on an elderly woman at the Granite City Kmart.

Home repair fraud

A citizen is approached by individuals offering to perform various home repairs, such as driveway sealing.
The criminals claim to have materials left over from other jobs and offer to do the work cheaply.

Once the job is over, however, the con artists demand more money than at first agreed to. Under pressure, most people pay up.

Home diversion burglary

This scam usually works in the spring summer or fall when residents are working outside.

In West Granite last year, a resident was approached by two men asking to do work. Even though the resident refused to hire the men, he became distracted as one of the thieves entered the victim's home to steal and ransacked the home.

Often the con artist will ask for a drink of water or to use

the phone. Don't let anyone in your house!

Impersonators

In this scam, the criminals attempt to gain entry to the victim's home by posing as employees of a utility company.

Once inside, the victim is distracted and the home is ransacked. If you become suspicious, call the police or utility company to verify the man's identity and purpose! Once, again, let no one inside!

Bank examiner scam

This rip-off game carter on the victim's good Samaritan attitude.

A con artist will arrive at the home and pose as a bank examiner or FBI agent.

The criminal will then request the assistance of the victim in checking on an employee suspected of defrauding the victim's confidence; he persuades the victim to withdraw large sums of money from his account.

The victim is assured his money will be returned and swindler will ultimately take the money, never to be seen again.

Letters

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denters were Medicaid residents, as opposed to only 37 percent in private facilities around the area.

These two homes are much more affordable to many elderly or disabled individuals on fixed incomes than the private care facilities.

I urge the voters to really consider the pros of voting "yes" on this bond issue. Let's continue the excellent care given to the residents of both facilities by JERRY COBETTO
Edwardsville

TO THE EDITOR:

Voters in Madison County, please think twice about all the negative publicity given to the Madison County Nursing Home and Madison County Shelter Care issue coming up in the election of March 17.

My mother was the nursing home for seven years and we had no one complaint about her care. In our family had the slightest political influence. I was offered a job there in the office, again because of politics, but because I visited daily, and someone there knew I had the qualifications. So, there are 400 empty beds in the county. So what? Has it occurred to you that the private nursing homes that are springing up may be out of the reach of people who cannot afford to pay for them? That means they will have to be taken care of by public aid, and who pays for that? The residents in the Sheltered Care Home will fall through the cracks because most of them are not conditioned for long-term nursing home. If the work-

ers in these places are paid more, they are not overpaid. The ones in the fancier places may be underpaid.

Please do not forget the 150 or more employees that will be out of work if this issue does not pass. I urge the voters to vote "yes" for this important issue on March 17.
NORMAN JENKS
Collinsville

TO THE EDITOR:

Do you tip the waitress/waiter (your server) 10 or 15 percent? Do you give to charities? Do you, or at least make donations to the church? How about the paper delivery boy or girl? Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts? All legitimate, deserving entities to which you give. Would you give \$15 a year to make sure an elderly person in your city or county is cared for properly by a caring and trained caregiver? Would you give \$15 a year to save a person's job? Well, would you give \$15 a year to see that 97 elderly and disabled people are cared for and save 100 jobs?

You are being asked to vote March 17 to save the Madison County Nursing Home and Sheltered Care. Vote "yes" to save approximately 100 jobs of people who care for 97 elderly and disabled Madison County residents at Madison County Nursing Home and Sheltered Care.

I would give \$15 to save your and other jobs as well as take care of 97 elderly/disabled people. A vote to save these jobs will amount to a tax increase of approximately \$15 a year for a \$100,000 home. That's not much to give for what we will gain. I hope you will join me and punch 159 and 165 to vote "yes" on March 17.
DAVID CHAPMAN
Edwardsville

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in regard to the Madison County Nursing Home/Sheltered Care Home issue to be on the ballot March 17.

I am a 93-year-old woman and a resident of Madison County Nursing Home. In 1989 my health was failing and I went to live at Madison County Shelter Care. After two years there, my condition progressed and it was no longer feasible for me to stay there.

I was referred to Madison County Nursing Home by a dear friend who has been a volunteer and frequent visitor of the home for many years. When telling my doctor of my

decision to go to the Madison County Nursing Home, he told me I couldn't have made a better choice of nursing home. This is a decision I have not regretted to this day.

My physical condition limits my ability to walk and to vote. I am in a nursing home and my physical needs being met, the cooperation I receive in regard to my medical needs are very much to my satisfaction.

I made a big move eight and a half years ago when I left my home and entered Madison County Shelter Care. Today I wish to remain in the Madison County Nursing Home. Not only to remain here, but to see a new home built. A new home that will accommodate our needs.

As a fellow taxpayer, I ask you to vote to support this project.
VERNA BUEHRER
Edwardsville

TO THE EDITOR:

When I think of the Madison County Nursing Home and Shelter Care Home and their uncertain futures, it saddens me to think that these residents could be looking for new homes in a few months.

It has been stated in the paper over the past month that placement would be relatively easy due to the empty beds in nursing homes in Madison County. One quote would be from Mr. Frandsen, our county board member from Alton. He (has been quoted) as saying that the Madison County Nursing Home is a "some research I will tell you, Mr. Frandsen, you are incorrect."

There are presently 118 empty beds in Madison County. Now wouldn't you say that it would be rather difficult to place 150 residents from these two county homes in only 118 beds? I wonder how the two county homes percentage of capacity on a daily basis compares with other area homes in the county?

When it comes to placement of the residents of the Sheltered Care Home many of them do not qualify for nursing homes. They also cannot live on their own. What will become of these county residents? Do we just forget them? I wonder how easy it would be for the residents who are currently on Illinois Public Aid to be placed in other nursing homes. Sixty-five percent of Madison County Nursing Home residents are on public aid. Approximately 90 percent of Shelter Care residents are also on Public Aid.

Another statement by Mr. Frandsen was that the windows at the nursing home. This would be unsafe and a direct violation of Illinois State Regulations. It would be impossible to reach someone in event of a fire. Apparently the windows have not been in violation of Illinois codes or they would have been cited in previous years.

Please take time and consider voting for the combined homes that the county in fact does need. There have been thousands of county residents who have been through these facilities with much satisfaction. I believe that the county has a need and, more so, a

responsibility to provide these services to their residents of Madison County. Please come out and vote for them a new home. Punch 159 and 165.
PAM ROBINSON
South Roxana

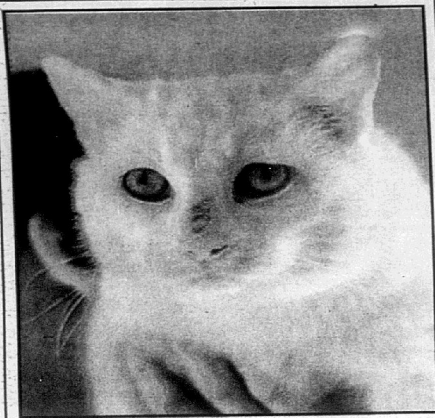
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This is "Romeo" —Romeo, a 3- or 4-year-old domestic short hair, is awaiting adoption at the Collinsville Animal Shelter, 298 Simpson Place. He's neutered, very sweet and affectionate. For information on adopting Romeo or another cat or dog, call for an appointment at 344-5213.

Deal reached on Shell tax cut

Agreement calls for 30 percent reduction in property assessment

By Paul A. Brinkmann
Telegraph staff writer

Shell Wood River Refining Co. and local governments have agreed to a 30 percent cut in the refinery's assessed property value in exchange for payments totaling \$3.77 million over four years.

The agreement was reached after months of negotiations that repeatedly came close to resolution and then blew apart again over minor details. Several taxing entities still must sign the agreement.

Shell will save millions in the deal, while local schools and governments will suffer major budget cuts after the payments are absorbed.

Roxana Mayor Kay Spencer said she and other local officials agreed to the property value cut to avoid the possibility of losing bigger if the matter was taken to court.

"This agreement will give us stability, even if it's through 'tightening the belt,' Spencer said.

The agreement will end years of debate among the refinery, the Madison County Supervisor of Assessments' office, and the local schools and governments. Shell began fighting its assessment in 1995, when a smaller cut was granted.

This year, the county set Shell's value at \$229.5 million in market value, but Shell provided an appraisal stating the refinery was worth only \$125 million.

The taxing districts responded with another appraisal placing Shell's value at \$400 million.

The final figure of \$180 million will be locked in until 2004, according to the agreement.

Shell spokesman Tara Con-

don-Tullier said Shell wants stability as much as the taxing districts.

"The value of refineries has been going down, and we just decided to take a hard look at it," she said. "We want to soften the blow to the community. We realize this will have an impact, and we want the community to be viable."

Already, the impact of the cut is spreading through the community. Spencer and the Roxana Village Board recently moved to end union representation in the Roxana Police Department, a move that has sparked a firestorm of controversy.

Spencer said the union was an obstacle to trimming the budget, but union officials said they asked for only a minor wage increase.

The largest amount of Shell's taxes — about \$829,000 annually — goes to the Roxana Community School District.

Shell's payment plan will offset that amount in full for the 1998 fiscal year. In 1999, state aid will offset the loss. Shell's payments will continue until 2001. District Superintendent James R. Herndon called the agreement "the best possible deal the school district was going to get."

He said the eventual impact to the district's budget should be about \$240,000 in the year 2002.

"It's been a tough process throughout. If we had lost at the state level, we would have had to pay money back to Shell," Herndon said.

Shell's tax cut and payment plan is the second in the River Bend in two months. Olin Corp., in East Alton, negotiated an 81 percent cut in its assessed value in exchange for \$3.9 million over four years.

Holstein Club sale Saturday

The Madison County Holstein Club will host its annual calf sale Saturday at the Madison County Fairgrounds.

The day's activities will begin at 11 a.m. with registration for the youth judging contest, which begins at 11:30 a.m. The sale will begin at noon.

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AROUND THE AREA

Here's what happened around the Metro East in the past week:

Belleville

Police: Graffiti points to skateboarders

An increase in graffiti the last couple of weeks has some Belleville residents and business owners fearing that it may be gang-related.

But Lt. Jim Goodwin said the graffiti is primarily from skateboarders.

Goodwin said that skateboarding graffiti is basically harmless, except for the damage that it does to the buildings.

The buildings were sprayed with black paint. The letters MB.

New high school possible

A new high school in Belleville is a possibility, thanks to a capital funding program passed in early December.

Leo Hefner, superintendent of District 201, said the program provides funding for new construction or renovations to schools.

Funding can pay between 35 and 75 percent of construction costs. Hefner said the amount of funding is limited and is determined by a state formula.

Eligibility and funding is primarily based on what the state defines as "unhoused students" — or the number of students making classrooms overcrowded.

Hefner said officials speculate that Belleville West has at least 600 unhoused students. There are approximately 2,200 students enrolled at West this year.

Cahokia

Charter school plan is outlined

Educating for the Future Inc. presented a formal proposal for the Fort Bowman Academy Charter School to the Cahokia Board of Education Monday.

"Educating for the Future was founded on the premise that any community is only as strong as its educational system," group President Seth Peoples told the board.

Board President Charlie White said the proposal would be referred to school board attorney Vince Lopinot.

Dupo

Truck monitoring paying off

Waste Recovery Inc. is leaving fewer tire chips on the roads now that the Dupo Police Department has begun monitoring trucks leaving the facility.

For the past month, Dupo officials have asked the plant to step up its efforts to reduce the number of chips left by departing trucks. The steel belts in the chips have caused blown tires.

At last week's Board of Trustees meeting, Trustee Ron Otten said he hasn't heard any complaints since the Feb. 17 meeting, when he said a turned-over truck spilled chips that caused several flat tires.

East St. Louis

Andre remembered as 'little soldier'

Yolanda Mack will always remember her son Andre Quarles as a "little soldier" who didn't give up or complain.

"I still wake up in the morning crying," said Mack on Wednesday.

A honorary captain of the East St. Louis Police Department, Andre died Feb. 21. Andre, 9, suffered from sickle cell anemia from birth.

Doctors believe Andre may have had 15 strokes, including two the night before his death. On Feb. 20, Andre awoke and couldn't see.

Bush backs Burris for governor

Mayor Gordon D. Bush is asking East St. Louisans to vote for gubernatorial candidate Roland Burris in the March 17 primary.

On Thursday, Bush and other Burris supporters held a rally in the election headquarters at 2211 State St., which opened Feb. 25.

"We're going into a sprint in these last few days," Bush said. "I think we're going to see a strong showing of support here in the East St. Louis area."

Bush, coordinator of the local campaign, said volunteers will go door-to-door asking for votes. Burris supporters will also hold rallies, call voters and post flyers, Bush said.

Millstadt

State construction aid 'not likely'

It's possible a state grant could pay for needed classrooms at Millstadt Consolidated School, but it's not likely, MCS Superintendent Stan Lessman told the school board Tuesday.

The board looked at tentative plans to house the extra children officials feel will arrive in the not-too-distant future at a special meeting and voted to ask representatives of Woolpert's architectural and engineering firm, who presented the plans, to help apply for a state grant.

Lessman said MCS probably has little chance of receiving one of the new state construction grants because so many districts are applying and the money will not go around. He said preference will be given to schools who are already using portable classrooms.

Monroe County

Development of Illinois 3 begins

Planned for and welcomed by some, feared and contested by others, the commercialization of Illinois 3 between Waterloo and Columbia is an issue whose time has come.

Last week the Monroe County Regional Planning Commission approved a petition by attorney Art Morris, representing HRT development corporation, to rezone 46 acres near the intersection of Illinois 3 and Hanover Road for highway business.

The acreage, which is within the city of Waterloo's mile-and-a-half development perimeter, is currently zoned A-2 agricultural and is largely undeveloped farmland. A small produce shop and an independent auto dealership are the only businesses in the area.

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SPORTS



Pat Heston

Fair-weather Kahoks fans miss out on incredible win

I have a good friend whose father was a staunch fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates. He waited most of his adult life for Pittsburgh to win a National League pennant.

When the Pirates finally went to the World Series in 1960, they were expected to be quickly dispatched by the powerful and seemingly invincible New York Yankees. Yet, the Bucs won the series in seven games, squeaking out four down-to-the-wire wins while the Yankees countered with three big-time blow-outs.

Heading into the bottom of the ninth of Game Seven in Pittsburgh, and with the score tied 9-9, my friend's dad looked at his scorecard and saw that the bottom of the Pirates' order was due at the plate.

"Nothing will happen this at bat," he mumbled to himself, and left to get a hot dog and a coke.

While he was standing in line at the concession stand (he was obviously not the only dumb fan in Pittsburgh), Bill Mazeroski hit what is arguably the most dramatic home run in world series history, giving the Pirates the 10-9 win and their first series title in 33 years.

If it wasn't for the man's stupidity, I might feel sorry for him.

But to his credit, he had stuck by Pittsburgh through all the lean years, when other fans had turned away. It's a shame, really, that such a faithful fan didn't get to see the greatest moment in Pirates' history.

Which brings me, strangely, to the fans of the Collinsville Kahoks.

With a sea of orange engulfing more than half of the Vandalabene Center Tuesday night, the purple-clad Collinsville contingent looked even smaller than it really was. And it was small. Unusually small for Collinsville, a town which usually follows its high school basketball team with a religious fervor bordering on insanity and whose population is known to bequeath season tickets in death-bed wills.

This is Collinsville, after all, not suburban Chicago, where on Tuesday night less than 400 fans showed up to see the sectional semifinal shootout between Dolton Thornridge and Rich Central.

This is Collinsville, where fanatics eat and sleep and love and live the sport of high school hoops.

Where were the Collinsville faithful Tuesday night?

"They're at home," one in-the-know Kahoks follower told me before the game against Edwardsville. "They're tired of supporting a mediocre team."

Admittedly, mediocrity is not the norm in Collinsville's long and impressive roundball history. The second winningest high school program in the nation, Collinsville is used to winning. This is the school with more 20-win seasons than any other team in the nation — more than 50. This is the school which, under Vergil Fletcher, had an average record of 27-2 for nine years from 1960-68, winning two state championships. When a 27-2 mark is merely average, I suppose a mark of 18-10 does look somewhat mediocre.

It just seems to me that in those 18-10 years — which, by the way, would be an enviable record to many schools this year (Granite City, for example) — or worse, in those 8-17 seasons like the Kahoks suffered through last season, teams need their fans a lot more. Even in Collinsville.

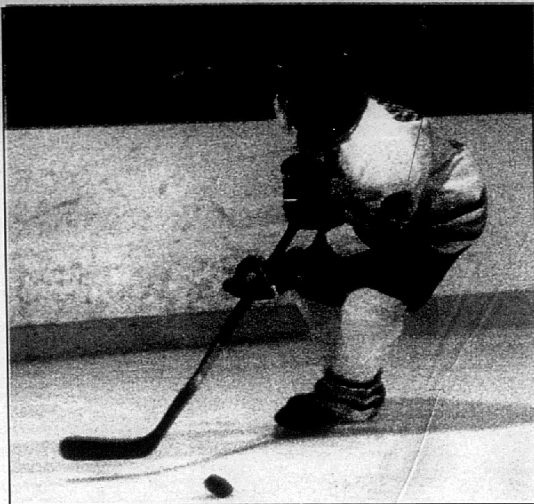
Understand, I'm not a Kahoks fan. They could lose all their games and I'd be happy. I just hate to see fair-weather fans kick a team when it's down.

I don't know where all the Collinsville faithful were Tuesday night. Maybe standing in concession lines waiting for hot dogs and cokes. Maybe sightseeing in Pittsburgh.

But, one thing I know: They got what they deserved.

They missed one of the greatest moments in Collinsville High School basketball history.

If it wasn't for their stupidity, I might even feel sorry for them.



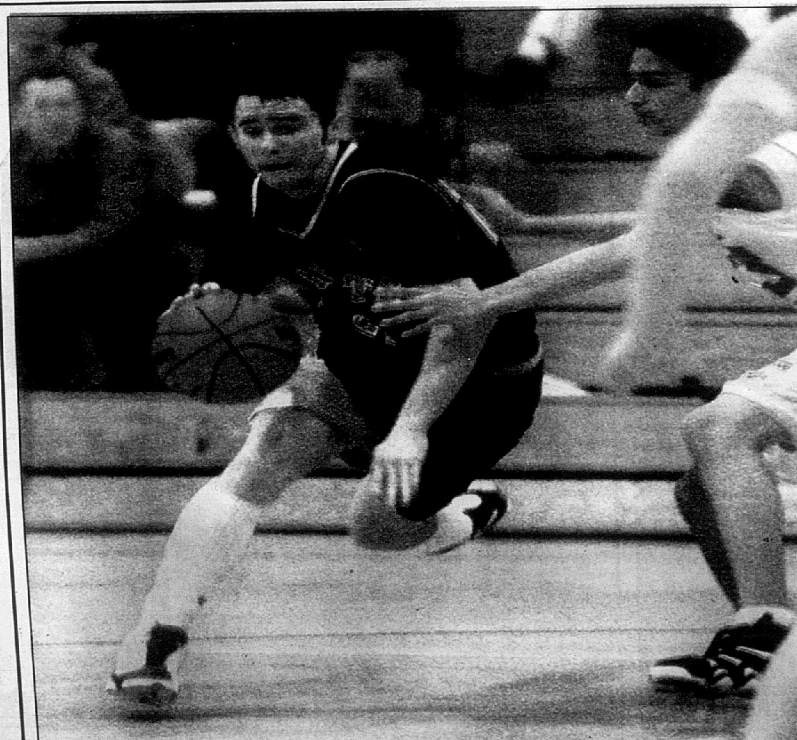
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Granite City's John Stordahl controls the puck in a recent Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association playoff game.



JOHN SWISTAK JR. /Press-Record

Collinsville coach Bob Bone (right) shakes hands with Edwardsville coach Mike Waldo after the Kahoks' stunning 40-39 victory.



SCOTT COUSINS /Press-Record

Warriors roll through 2 foes Granite City reaches conference title game

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors reached the finals of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association's Southern Conference with big wins against Belleville Althoff and Belleville West.

On Saturday, the Warriors slammed Althoff 6-4 at the East Alton Ice Arena.

Granite City jumped to a 3-0 lead after one period and was in complete command of the contest after the first 13 minutes.

David Svezia scored on an unassisted goal at 3:49, and was followed by scores off the sticks of Bobby Meszaros (assisted by Svezia and Billy Fico) at 4:09 and Jared Brown (assisted by Tim Knowlton) at 3:05. The Warriors had an 8-1 edge in shots on goal after one period.

Althoff nearly pushed the puck past Robbie Slater at the 10:50 mark of the second period as the Granite City defense momentarily broke down under power play pressure from the

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Crusaders. But the Warriors countered with a rush up ice and, at 10:25, went ahead 4-0 on a short-handed goal by Svezia, who was fed nicely by Meszaros.

With the game seemingly in hand, the Warriors let down their guard. Althoff took advantage, scoring three goals in 2 minutes 12 seconds to pull within 4-3.

At 9:55, Chris Kniser beat Slater with a hot slap shot. Then, at 8:15, Jason Carrera took a pass from Chris Bentler and beat Slater high and to his right. The staccato continued at the 7:43 mark when Kniser scored his second unassisted goal of the series.

At 3:15, Vince Whittenburg gave the Warriors some breathing room, scooting the puck past B.J. Vogt off a perfect pass from Meszaros, who picked up his third point of the game.

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Kahoks upset Edwardsville

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Kevin Asbrock hit a 70-foot shot from near the Edwardsville bench, barely beating the buzzer, to give the Collinsville Kahoks a stunning 40-39 upset victory against top-seeded Edwardsville in the Class AA sectional semifinals at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Tuesday night.

Edwardsville, the 11th-ranked Class AA team in the state, was the prohibitive favorite to represent the Metro East in the Carbondale Super-Sectional on March 16. The Tigers had drubbed the Kahoks twice, 56-45 and 56-40, on their way to a 12-0 record in the Southwestern Conference and a 26-1 overall mark.

In those previous games, Collins-

BOYS BASKETBALL

ville had played even for one half, but Edwardsville had pulled away in the third quarter.

That's how it looked like it was going to play out again Tuesday.

The Kahoks used a sagging box-and-one defense, pulling their weak side defenders into the paint to surround Edwardsville all-star Jon Harris, who was guarded by a shadowing Jeff Rhymer for the entire 32 minutes.

The strategy worked, as Harris was limited to seven points on the night, two in the first half. In fact, the

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MVP effort

Jeremy Errett, a senior forward for Bethel Christian Academy in South Roxana, drives around Sunny Gakhal of Brentwood Baptist Christian School in Des Plaines during the championship game of the Illinois Association of Christian Schools Class A state tournament in Rockford Saturday. Bethel, which has students in the Wood River, Granite and Collinsville areas, won 71-64. Errett was named MVP.

PREP PLAYOFFS

Class A Girls Pairings	
Westlin Regional	
Feb. 9	
Westlin 48, Sandoval 38	
Mater Dei 71, Lebanon 37	
Feb. 11	
Carlyle 72, Westlin 49	
Central 56, Mater Dei 43	
Feb. 12	
Carlyle 56, Central 43	
Freeburg Regional	
Feb. 9	
Chester 43, Red Bud 42	
Gibault 57, New Athens 11	
Feb. 11	
Freeburg 59, Chester 43	
Sparta 60, Gibault 48	
Feb. 13	
Freeburg 67, Sparta 59	
West Frankfort Sectional	
Feb. 18	
Okawville 40, Carlyle 37	
West Frankfort 73, Freeburg 58	
Feb. 19	
West Frankfort 57, Okawville 54	
Benton Super-Sectional	
Feb. 23	
Fairfield vs. West Frankfort, 7:30 p.m.	
Dupo Regional	
Feb. 9	
Roxana 58, Dupo 44	
Feb. 11	
Wood River 69, Madison 33	
M.E. Lutheran 65, Columbia 55	
Feb. 11	
Marquette 39, Roxana 34	
Wood River 57, M.E. Lutheran 48	
Feb. 12	
Wood River 61, Marquette 60	
Litchfield Sectional	
Feb. 16	
Greenville 60, Girard 34	
Feb. 17	
Carrollton 42, Wood River 46	
Feb. 18	
Carrollton 51, Greenville 33	
Carrollville Super-Sectional	
Feb. 23	
Carrollton 70, Pleasant Plains 68 (OT)	
State Finals	
At Redbird Arena in Normal	
Feb. 27	
Nokomis 68, Steton Academy 34	
Sterling Newman 28, Carrollton 26 (OT)	
West Frankfort 73, Mendota 67	
Carthage 69, Illiana Christian 68 (OT)	
Feb. 28	
Nokomis 63, Sterling Newman 47	
Carthage 53, West Frankfort 48	
Third Place	
Sterling Newman 63, West Frankfort 48	
Championship	
Nokomis 70, Carthage 60	
Class AA Girls Pairings	
Central Sectional	
Feb. 16	
Mt. Vernon 90, Murphysboro 27	
Carbondale 68, Althoff 35	
Belleville East 57, Herrin 16	
Carmi 69, Marion 29	
Waterloo 39, East St. Louis 29	
Feb. 17	
East St. Louis Lincoln 81, Waterloo 29	
Belleville West 46, Mascoutah 40	
O'Fallon 78, Cahokia 39	
Centralia 62, Mt. Carmel 34	
Feb. 19	
Mount Vernon 82, Carbondale 34	
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East St. Louis Lincoln 56, Belleville West 33	
Centralia 47, O'Fallon 39	
Feb. 23	
Mount Vernon 57, Belleville East 40	
East St. Louis Lincoln 69, Centralia 42	
Feb. 26	
East St. Louis Lincoln 74, Mt. Vernon 65	
Civic Memorial Sectional	
Feb. 16	
Taylorville 106, Triad 30	
Highland 62, Chatham Glenwood 51	
Paris 70, Mattoon 59	
Jerseyville 66, Alton 57	
Feb. 17	
Olney 75, Ettingham 34	
Salem 71, Charleston 41	
Edwardsville 80, Granite City 26	
Collinsville 42, Civic Memorial 41	

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Paris 63, Jerseyville 51	
Olney 58, Salem 35	
Edwardsville 35, Collinsville 23	
Feb. 23	
Taylorville 99, Paris 73	
Olney 59, Edwardsville 44	
Feb. 26	
Taylorville 79, Olney 53	
Salem Super-Sectional	
March 2	
East St. Louis Lincoln 70, Taylorville 67 (OT)	
State Finals	
At Redbird Arena in Normal	
March 5	
Chicago Marshall 63, Lisle Benet Academy 37	
Loyola Academy 59, Galesburg 43	
East St. Louis Lincoln 56, Quincy 49	
Sandburg 37, Morris 29	
Loyola Academy 62, Chicago Marshall 60	
East St. Louis Lincoln 54, Orland Park Sandburg 45	
Third Place	
Chicago Marshall 63, Orland Park Sandburg 45	
Championship	
Loyola Academy 62, East St. Louis Lincoln 48	

Class A Boys Pairings	
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Feb. 23	
Carlyle 69, Okawville 67	
Feb. 24	
Mater Dei 99, Odlin 33	
Central 93, Sandoval 39	
Feb. 25	
Game 4: Nashville 68, Carlyle 57	
Feb. 26	
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Feb. 27	
Game 6: Nashville def. Mater Dei	
Sparta Regional	
Feb. 23	
Columbia 73, Marissa 54	
Red Bud 61, Valmeyer 32	
Sparta 72, New Athens 52	
Feb. 25	
Gibault 75, Columbia 52	
Sparta 53, Red Bud 44	
Feb. 27	
Gibault 45, Sparta 42	
Dupo Regional	
Feb. 23	
Madison 89, Venice 65	
Feb. 24	
Lebanon 97, Lovejoy 74	
Freeburg 65, Westlin 58	
Feb. 25	
Dupo 67, Madison 57	
Lebanon 85, Freeburg 77	
Feb. 27	
Dupo 50, Lebanon 49	
Wood River Regional	
Feb. 23	
Roxana 69, Livingston 57	
Stanton 82, Alton-Marquette 56	
Feb. 24	
Greenville 48, Wood River 41	
Bunker Hill 58, Metro-East Lutheran 38	
Feb. 25	
Roxana 72, Stanton 50	
Greenville 59, Bunker Hill 50	
Feb. 27	
Roxana 48, Greenville 45	
Benton Sectional	
March 3	
Nashville 72, Steelville 45	
March 4	
Gibault 70, Sesser-Valier 46	
March 6	
Nashville 44, Gibault 39	
Vandalia Sectional	
March 3	
Hillsboro 74, Dupo 60	
March 4	
Farina South Central 76, Roxana 48	
March 6	
Farina South Central 60, Hillsboro 58	
Carbondale Super-Sectional	
March 10	
Nashville vs. Harrisburg, 7:30 p.m.	

Class AA Boys Pairings	
Central Sectional	
Feb. 23	
Stanton 82, Alton-Marquette 56	
Feb. 24	
Greenville 48, Wood River 41	
Bunker Hill 58, Metro-East Lutheran 38	
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March 13	
Game 1: Macomb Super-Sectional winner vs. Decatur Super-Sectional winner, 12:15 p.m.	
Game 2: Carbondale Super-Sectional winner vs. Moline Super-Sectional winner, 1:45 p.m.	
Game 3: DeKalb Super-Sectional winner vs. Charleston Super-Sectional winner, 8:15 p.m.	
March 14	
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Third Place	
Loser Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6, 8:45 p.m.	
Championship	
Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 8:15 p.m.	

Class AA Boys Pairings	
Collinsville Sectional	
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Taylorville 75, Jerseyville 52	
March 3	
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March 4	
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March 6	
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East St. Louis Lincoln, 7:30 p.m.	
March 13	
Game 15: (4) Collinsville vs. Winner Game 14, 7:30 p.m.	
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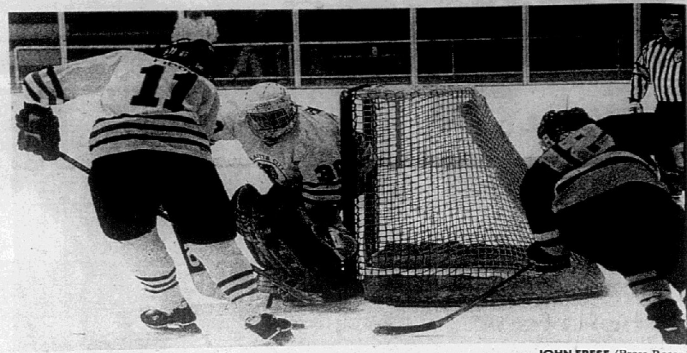
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Granite City's Billy Ficar (11) clears the puck after Warriors goalkeeper Robbie Slater makes a save against Belleville Althoff during a Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association game. The Warriors sent the Crusaders into the losers bracket of the MVCHA Tournament with an 8-4 decision on Saturday.

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But the Crusaders countered at 1:26 when Carrera found Greg Walsh up ice and fed him the puck. Walsh smoked a shot past Slater to make it a 5-4 game after two periods. Althoff held a 18-4 edge in shots on goal heading into the final frame.

Granite City scored three quick goals in the third period to bury the Crusaders. Whittenburg picked up his second at 11:39 off an assist from Greg Pritchard. Dustin Wesley turned a Billy Cahill feed into a score at 10:14 and Whittenburg finished his hat trick at 10:02, assisted by John Stordahl.

On Monday at East Alton, the Warriors blew past Belleville West 4-1 to reach the conference championship.

All four Granite City goals came in the second period.

Whittenburg picked up the first score at 11:15. Svezia took a textbook cross-ice pass from Meszaro, who had picked up a loose puck at the blue line and found the streaking Svezia. Svezia skated to the far board, through one check and tucked himself behind the goal net, where he found Whittenburg charging the line. Whittenburg one-timed the puck low and to the stick side, giving Granite City a 1-0 lead.

Only 17 seconds later, Pritchard's slap shot from the point was tipped in by Brett Solberger and the lead was 2-0.

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Svezia punched in a rebound off a hard Whittenburg shot at 7:30 for a 3-0 lead, and when Stordahl found the mark with a slap shot late in the period, the Warriors were in command 4-0.

Belleville West scored a late goal to make the final score 4-1.

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Four point

By Patrick C. Staff writer

An autopsy of the following a village, reveals reasons for defeat.

Reason No. 1: Bob Bone

SPORTS

Four key factors point to EHS' loss

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

An autopsy of the Edwardsville Tigers basketball team, following a dramatic 40-39 upset loss to arch-rival Collinsville, reveals unmistakable reasons for the unexpected defeat.

Reason No. 1: Defense. Bob Bone's sagging box-and-one, designed to contain Edwardsville all-star Jon Harris, worked to perfection, as the 6-foot-7 senior hit only two baskets on the night and finished with seven points — 15 below his season average.

Those who were not at the Vandalia Center on Tuesday night might interpret the 40-39 final score as evidence of a slow-down game. And given Mike Waldo's penchant for the four-corners stall, that would normally be a valid assumption. But Waldo's Tigers spread the ball for a total of only 3 1/2 minutes, taking the air out of the ball to end both halves. It was defense, not stalling, that kept the score down.

In some ways, the game was similar to the 1985 Salem Super-sectional spar between Collinsville and Centralia. The Kahoks were 28-0 and ranked No. 1 in the state; The Orphans were 29-1 and ranked second. Centralia clamped on a sagging box-and-one to counteract All-American Rodger Bohnenstiel, who scored 23 points. Still, Centralia won the game 55-50.

Seldom has such a defense worked as well as it did Tuesday night against Edwardsville. It was easily the best defensive performance turned in by a Metro East team this season.

Reason No. 2: Patience. Collinsville was careful, methodical. The Kahoks took their time against the Tigers' hawking full-court press, refusing to rush into error. They worked the ball for

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good shots, often passing them up for the best shots, seldom putting up a hurried or a questionable shot.

The old adage of patience being a virtue may be no more true than on a basketball court when facing a highly favored team. Underdogs cannot afford to beat themselves through panicky play or careless reactions. The Kahoks were patient enough, careful enough not to beat themselves, but to force Edwardsville to beat them. In the end, Edwardsville could not do it.

Reason No. 3: Third time's the charm.

It's hard to beat a decent team three times in one season. In fact, the long road of state tournament history is littered with good teams — many of them great teams — who could not get by an inferior team a third time in one year.

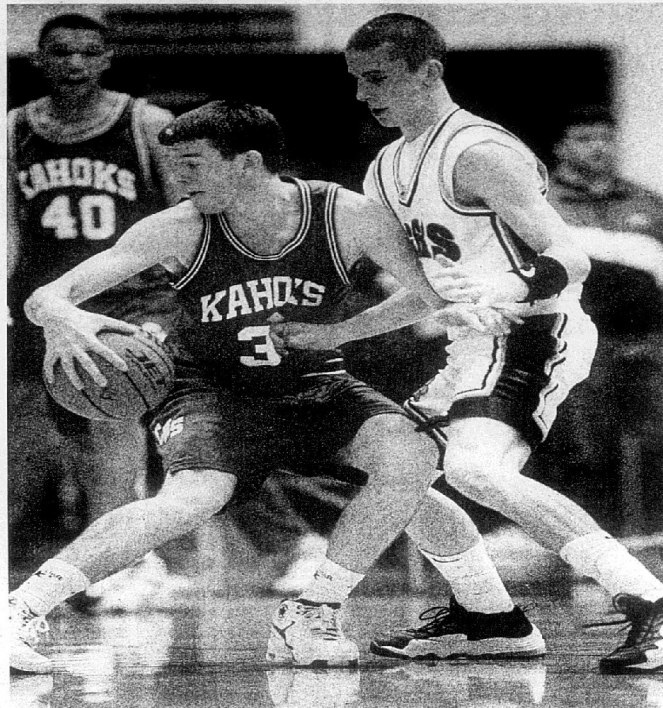
The tragedy for a team like Edwardsville is that the third time usually occurs at the most crucial time — along the regional, sectional or state tournament trail.

Reason No. 4: Luck. If an 18-10 team is going to upset a 26-1 team, luck will play a role. It always does.

As it turned out Tuesday night, luck occurred on the last play of the game, making it more prominent, more dramatic.

The Kahoks won with talent and skill, won with punishing defense and patient offense, won with good coaching and good decision-making, but that little bit of luck thrown in at the end made a big difference.

Put all the factors together, and it translates into a 40-39 Collinsville victory and an unforgettable evening for 3,400 fans.



Collinsville's Steve Dougherty drives in against Edwardsville during Tuesday night's Class AA sectional game at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Rhymer's defense lifts Kahoks

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Kevin Asbrook will be the first to point out Collinsville High's upset victory against top-seeded Edwardsville Tigers was a total team effort.

Asbrook will long be remembered as the hero for his miraculous 70-foot, 3-point winning shot. However, the defensive performance by Jeff Rhymer can't be overlooked. Rhymer, a speedy 6-foot guard, had the dubious assignment of defending the Tigers' 6-foot-7 senior standout, Jon Harris.

Harris is easily the top Class AA player in the Metro East area. The Marquette University signee came into the game averaging 22.3 points per contest. Rhymer, with the help of a variety of teammates, limited Harris to just seven points.

"It wasn't fun to say the least," Rhymer said of guarding Harris. "He's a good player. He was stronger than I was by far. He threw me around a little bit but he got into some foul

trouble and that helped us out a little bit. "At first we were just going to put me in front of him and let me play with my back to him but we figured he would be able to spin off and get around. We decided to put me a half a man over so I could see the ball, too. That helped me out a lot. My quickness helped, too. Overall (Matt) Parker, Shaun (Moore), Kevin and Steve (Dougherty) helped me from behind."

Harris picked up two fouls in the opening quarter and did not record any points.

Harris picked up his third foul with 4:31 remaining in the second quarter and sat on the bench for almost four minutes. He finally scored his first points of the game with 5:2 seconds remaining before the intermission.

"I thought defensively we had some things that would cause them some problems, and it did," Collinsville coach Bob Bone said.

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6-foot-7 senior forward had more fouls (three) than points in the first half, and was limited to only five rebounds — three of them off missed free throws.

"I thought defensively we had some things that would cause them some problems, and it did," Collinsville coach Bob Bone said. "The concern was whether we could score enough points. Obviously, we were fortunate to do that."

"We took our point guard out of our zone and put him on Harris, with the idea we would have our big people in position to help," Bone said. "The last time we took one of our big people and tried to do it and it didn't work as well because we had our guards in a position to help. Jeff did a great job of staying in front of him and really didn't give him anything easy the whole game."

Collinsville grabbed an 11-10 lead at the first stop, and was still up by one (17-16) at the half. But the Tigers put together a 12-0 run midway through the third period, taking command of the contest (28-21), and it looked like a same-score, different-verse finish.

But, this time, the Kahoks didn't fold.

Collinsville fought back into game, drawing within a point (30-29) with eight minutes to play.

Edwardsville opened a 36-32 lead with 3:15 remaining. Asbrook's free throw made it 36-33 at the 3:04 mark, but the 6-1 senior forward missed his second shot and the Tigers rebounded.

But Derek Cowan and Harris both missed the front end of one-and-one situations. When Asbrook nailed a clutch 3-pointer with 1:35 to play, the game was tied 36-36.

The Tigers went into a four-corner spread off a timeout at 1:23, but Harris was whistled for his fourth foul as he drove the lane, putting the ball back in Collinsville hands.

With only 27.7 seconds remaining, Shawn Moore picked up his fifth foul, sending Harris to the line for yet another bonus opportunity. Harris hit his first shot, but missed his second, inching the Tigers to the front 37-36. Collinsville grabbed the rebound, worked the ball down court and waited for one shot.

Bone called a time-out with 11.4 seconds showing on the clock. On the ensuing inbounds play, Asbrook was fouled before the ball entered play. His second free throw tied the game at 37-37, but the second drew iron and was grabbed by Harris, who led the Edwardsville charge down court.

The ball was worked around to Cowan, who shot from the left of the free throw line found nothing but net with only 4 seconds left.

Matt Parker inbounded the ball to Asbrook, who dribbled twice and threw up a leaping one-and-one shot. The shot rebounded. The ball banked in cleanly off the glass, drawing no rim, and giving Collinsville the shocking upset.

Though there was some confusion as to whether the shot was released in time, lead official Mike Devening and trailing official Don Cobb both immediately raised their hands, indicating the 3-pointer was good.

Edwardsville ended its season at 26-2.

Collinsville improved to 19-10 and meets the winner of Wednesday's semifinal game, 7:30 p.m. Friday at SIUE's Vandalia Center. Tenth-seeded O'Fallon (15-14) met third-seeded East St. Louis Lincoln (18-6) Wednesday night to determine the opponent.

"Edwardsville had a great year," said Bone. "They're a very good basketball team. They're very well-coached. We were hoping we would have a chance to play close enough to maybe have a chance at the end. All we wanted was a chance, and we got it."

Asbrook, the Kahoks player who took that last chance shot, was ecstatic.

"I looked up at the clock and there was 1.4 (seconds) left. I thought, 'Well, I'll give it a try.' I just threw it and it banked in. Wow! This is the greatest moment I've ever had."

Many of the 3,400 in attendance agreed.

Collinsville 40, Edwardsville 39

Collinsville: Kevin Asbrook 10, Shawn Moore 10, Jeff Rhymer 10, Steve Dougherty 10, Matt Parker 10, Shaun Moore 10, Kevin Asbrook 10, Steve Dougherty 10, Matt Parker 10, Shaun Moore 10.

Edwardsville: Matt Turner 10, Dan Lyons 10, Jon Harris 10, Mark Adams 10, Chris Cowan 10, Steve Dougherty 10, Matt Parker 10, Shaun Moore 10, Kevin Asbrook 10, Steve Dougherty 10.

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SPORTS

Nauvoo-Colusa earns spot in Class A quarterfinals

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

It's easier to spell Nauvoo-Colusa than it is to stop the town's high school basketball team. The Vikings crushed the Bushnell-Prairie City Sectional, upsetting No. 13 Quincy Notre Dame 53-50 in the finals, and then shocked the state with a 59-56 upset of fourth-ranked, undefeated Ashland A.C. Central in Tuesday night's Macomb Super-Sectional.

David Griffiths, whose 3-pointer from the wing as time expired ended Notre Dame's season on Friday, scored a team-high 16 points to key the upset of A.C. Central.

The win gives Nauvoo-Colusa its first trip to the state finals. The Viking will play unranked Chrisman in the first quarterfinal game on Friday at Carver Arena in Peoria.

But the two upset victims were in good company this past week as six ranked Class A teams hit the dust in sectional and super-sectional competition.

Falling in last Friday's sectional finals were No. 10 Kewanee, 64-63 to 30-0 Farmington, the state's second-ranked small school; No. 16 Fairbury Prairie Central, 74-69 to unranked Armstrong; and No. 5 Chicago Providence St. Mel, 64-61 victims of number 11 Chicago St. Francis de Sales.

St. Francis de Sales rode Jimmy Mack's 13-for-16 free throw shooting in the fourth quarter to the upset of 26-0 Providence in the Westmont Sectional title clash.

"It was the biggest performance I've ever seen," said de Sales coach Larry Moore, who played on Quincy's 1972 Class AA runner-up team. "I just told that guys that Jimmy's a senior and to let him take it. It was his game."

But de Sales was not as fortunate in Tuesday night's Kankakee Super-Sectional, falling to Chicago Leo 66-65 as the winners were fueled by 23 points from 6-foot-9 Andre Brown.

The only other ranked squad to stumble in super-sectional action was No. 9 Marengo (26-2), which was hammered 70-42 in the finale at DeKalb by top-ranked Spring Valley Hall. Hall was led by Shawn Jeppson, who netted a game-high 24 points. Hall shot 55 percent from the field for the game, while holding the Indians to 15 percent shooting in the second half.

Highly touted Rock Falls and favored Hillsboro also came up short. Rock Falls lost a 66-52 super-sectional decision to No. 2 Farmington, while Hillsboro fell 60-58 to Farina South Central in the sectional finals.

Falling out of play before the sectional finals was 15th-ranked Rockford Christian Life. Friday's Class A quarterfinals pit Nauvoo-Colusa (29-3) against Chrisman (22-9) at 12:15 p.m. No. 3 Nashville (30-1) against No. 2 Farmington (31-0) at 1:45 p.m., top-ranked Spring

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Valley Hall (30-0) against Teutopolis (27-3) at 6:45 p.m., and No. 6 Normal University (25-7) against No. 7 Chicago Leo (25-6) at 8:15 p.m.

Class AA

The big surprise among large schools occurred in Tuesday night's Collinsville Sectional, where the host Kahoks upset No. 11 Edwardsville 40-39 on Kevin Ashbrook's 70-foot shot at the buzzer. The Tigers ended their sparkling season with a mark of 28-2.

The only other ranked team to fall in Class AA action was 10th-ranked Chicago Farragut, which was stunned by eight-time loser Chicago Simeon 67-64 in an early second-round game of the Public League Playoffs. The loss abruptly ended the prep career of All-American Michael Wright who, ironically, played at Simeon as a freshman before transferring to Farragut.

Top-ranked Chicago Whitney Young and ninth-ranked Chicago King are in opposite brackets in the Public League semifinals and should meet for the city title this weekend. An upset win by King throws the door to the state championship wide open.

Peoria Manual, the state's second-ranked large school, meets rival Peoria Central, ranked 15th, on Friday for the championship of the Peoria Richwoods Sectional Manual, which pounded Pekin 75-54 on Tuesday, has beaten Central twice on the year.

Galesburg won big on Tuesday, and faces a possible meeting with seventh-ranked Moline in the East Moline sectional final.

Oak Park Fenwick won convincingly in the sectional semifinals, despite the fact that All-American Corey Maggette spent most of the game on the bench in foul trouble.

In other games among ranked teams which played Tuesday, No. 5 Lincoln edged Springfield 53-43 and will face 14th-ranked Quincy, a 45-41 winner against Springfield Southeast, for the Springfield Sectional title.

Sixth-ranked Rockford Boylan annihilated Algonquin Jacobs 101-51; eighth-ranked Elgin beat Hoffman Estates 68-58; 12th-ranked Oak Lawn Richards bounced Burbank St. Laurence 76-50; 13th-ranked Zion-Benton mauled Mundelein 83-60; and No. 16 Mount Vernon crushed Murphysboro 64-37.

Possible sectional final games between ranked opponents include Manual vs. Central at Peoria, Lincoln vs. Quincy at Springfield, and Galesburg vs. Moline at East Moline. Mount Vernon also faces a fifth game against Central on Friday, if the Orphans get past Carbondale on Wednesday.

Compiled by Patrick C. Heston

March 12
1908 — Mount Vernon defeated McLeansboro 145-4 to end the regular season. The Rams put in 72 field goals on the evening. The 141-point win is second only to Rockford's 155-2 victory against Third Regiment in 1907, and is the largest margin of victory in a game between two high schools in Illinois. The 72 field goals is the second-most ever scored by a boys team in the state.

1815 — Eventual state champion Freeport defeated Granite City 41-20 in the boys state quarterfinals. 1877 — Madison defeated Aurora Central Catholic 71-55 for the Class A boys state title. The win brought Madison the first of two state championships. The 1977 Trojans were coached by Larry Graham and led by Rodney Davis, who scored 18 in the title tilt; and Randall Jones, who scored 17.

1983 — For the first and only time in state tournament history, two unbeaten teams met for the state title. Lawrenceville (33-0), led by Marty Simmons, met Flanagan (30-0), led by 7-foot Bill Braskieck. Lawrenceville won 44-39, capturing the schools second successive undefeated state championship and fourth boys Class A state title overall. The victory against Flanagan was the Indians' state record 68th straight victory.

1985 — Chicago Providence St. Mel set four state tournament records in a boys super-sectional game against Dwight. The eventual state champions scored a 117-60 victory, scoring 65 points in the first half and hitting 46 shots from the field — including 25 in a row. St. Mel's streak was broken on a court-length shot to end the half. They then started the second half by hitting their first 17 shots.

1988 — East St. Louis Lincoln defeated Mount Vernon 55-47 in the boys super-sectional game at Carbondale. Lincoln went on to win a third successive state title, and fourth overall.

March 13
1914 — Eventual state champion Hillsboro edged Granite City 43-40 in the boys state quarterfinals.

1976 — Lawrenceville's Jay Shidler, the "Blonde Bomber," hit for 49 points in the third-place game of the boys Class A state tournament as the Indians beat Buda-Sheffield Western 65-57. Shidler shattered the four game tournament scoring record by rifling through 157 points — an average of more than 39 each game.

March 16
1989 — East St. Louis Lincoln crushed Centralia 69-41 in the Carbondale Super-Sectional on its way to a third boys state title, and second in succession.

March 14
1972 — Dolton Thornridge trashed Lockport Central 74-46 in the Crete-Monee Super-Sectional, giving the Falcons their then-state record 56th straight win over two seasons. The streak would end at 58 with a state championship that same year in the boys Class AA tournament.

1981 — Madison defeated Dunlap 58-47 for the boys Class A state title, but not before Charles Claggett, Jr., Betty Hatter and Company upset No. 1-ranked New Lenox Providence and All-American Walter Downing 45-43 in one of the greatest quarterfinal games ever played.

1987 — Venice won a 56-54 nail-biter over Okawville to capture the boys Class A state title — the school's second. Jesse Hall scored 19 for the Red Devils and Vincent Harris added 13. Okawville Jeff Luechtfeld had a game-high 29 points, but missed an open 17-footer to end the game.

1992 — In a boys semifinal game against eventual state champion Findlay, Benton attempted a state record 40 3-pointers.

March 15
1957 — Collinsville beat Centralia 100-80 for the Vandalla sectional title, in a boys game where free throws ruled. The two squads combined to attempt a state record 121 charity tosses, making a state record 85. Collinsville was 52-3 for 65; Centralia was 34-for-56. Collinsville free throw attempts and free throws made are the second-highest totals in state history. The Kahoks, who were 32-0 and top-ranked at the time, eventually lost the state title game 45-42 to Herrin, attempting only 14 free throws, hitting eight of them.

1975 — Venice blasted Elmhurst Timothy Christian 65-46 for the boys Class A state basketball title. Rich Essington coached the 32-2 team.

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PREP STANDINGS

METRO EAST HOCKEY

Southern Division			
Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Granite City	5-2	12-22	65/33
Belleville West	7-4	11-21	65/32
Cahokia	5-5	8-72	56/52
O'Fallon	4-5	6-53	41/32
Alton	5-7	9-71	58/31
Belleville East	4-6	7-82	61/47
Collinsville	4-6	0-10	47/75

Northern Division			
Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Alton	11-0	11-52	66/28
Roxana	8-4	0-70	60/60
Edwardsville	7-3	9-63	68/36
Marquette	7-4	1-62	81/33
Civic Memorial	5-7	0-100	45/75
Wood River	2-10	2-14	19/30
Fluss SW	0-12	0-150	109/109

GIRLS HOOPS STANDINGS

Southwestern Conference			
Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Edwardsville	9-1	21-5	
Belleville East	9-3	15-9	
Belleville West	7-4	11-21	
Alton	6-6	12-14	
Belleville West	5-8	11-19	
Granite City	2-10	1-21	
E. St. Louis	0-12	1-21	

Mississippi Valley

Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Jerseyville	7-2	16-9	
Highland	5-1	17-11	
Civic Memorial	7-3	15-10	
Mascoutah	4-6	9-16	
Triad	3-7	3-19	
Waterloo	0-8	7-18	

Cahokia

Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Cahokia	8-0	25-4	
Freeburg	5-2	6-26	
Breese C.	5-2	20-6	
Westlin	5-2	9-14	
Red Bud	4-4	4-18	
Columbia	3-5	8-15	
Lebanon	2-6	6-17	
Dupo	1-7	1-17	
New Athens	0-8	2-15	

South Seven

Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
ML Vernon	10-0	27-2	
O'Fallon	9-2	27-7	
Carbondale	2-3	9-11	
Centralia	5-4	16-9	
Cahokia	0-7	1-16	

South Central

Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Quincy	2-1	18-4	
Roxana	5-4	12-11	
Marquette	5-3	18-1	
Wood River	5-7	16-13	

Great Overland Trails

Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Lutheran S.C.	4-0	15-3	
Orchard Farm	3-1	5-6	
Melroe East	3-3	10-9	
Westminster	2-2	9-7	
Silaz	1-1	8-6	
Whitfield	1-2	8-10	
Hancock	0-1	3-10	
Valley Park	0-4	3-15	

Independents

Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Lincoln	21-0	26-4	
Okawville	16-0	16-0	
Mater Dei	10-0	18-0	
Spauld	10-0	18-0	
Gibault	4-0	14-0	
Alhambra	4-0	14-0	
Madison	4-0	14-0	
Bunker Hill	3-1	3-7	
Valley	2-0	2-10	

BOYS HOOPS STANDINGS

Southwestern Conference

Team	Conf	Overall	GF/GA
Edwardsville	12-0	20-2	
Belleville East	10-2	23-4	

South Central

5-7	15-13	Team	Conf	Over
2-10	11-17	Roxana	9-1	2
2-10	7-20	Marquette	7-3	1
Missouri Valley		Wood River	3-7	

OBITUARIES

Haril Kendall

HARIL V. KENDALL, 65, of Granite City died at 6:12 a.m. Monday, March 2, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born Feb. 7, 1933, in Kenton, Mo.

Mr. Kendall lived in Granite City for 33 years. He was employed by Granite City Steel in maintenance for 23 years until his retirement in 1992. He was original co-owner of the Kendall Appliance of Granite City and a member of the West 22nd Street Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Betty (Hester) Kendall; his mother, Ora Mae (Stallons) Noel of Edwardsville; five sons, Vic, Randy, Larry, Jerry and Dale, all of Granite City; three daughters, Retta Dodd, Cheryl Kendall and Sharon Oliver, all of Granite City; one brother, David Noel Sr. of Granite City; one sister, Joanne Cookley of Granite City; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his father, Rudolph Noel; and one son, James Kendall, in 1982. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Werner Chapel in Granite City. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 5, at the West 22nd Street Baptist Church with the Rev. Les Atkins and the Rev. Richard Styles officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Hills Memorial Estates in Edwardsville. Memorials may be made to the family.

Bertha Ware

BERTHA FARRELL WARE, 94, of Granite City died at 9 p.m. Monday, March 9, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Ware was born on Feb. 2, 1904, in Madison, Mo. She had been a member of the Jefferson Avenue Methodist Church in Moberly, Mo. and a lifetime member of the Eastern Star and White Shrine.

Survivors include one son, Virgil Ware of Granite City; two grandchildren, David Ware of Granite City and Lisa Watson of Leesville, La.; two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vencel Ware; parents, Henry and Leah (Clark) Farrell; two brothers, Roy Farrell and Charles Farrell.

Graveside services were held on March 13, at Memorial Park Cemetery in Moberly, Mo., with Rev. Bob Seaman officiating. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society or Donor's Choice.

Jerry Jordan Sr.

JERRY K. JORDAN SR., 53, of Granite City died at 10:25 p.m. March 3, 1998, at his place of residence.

Mr. Jordan was born on Jan. 26, 1945, in Elco. He had been self-employed in construction.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Jordan; one son, Jerry K. Jordan of Granite City; one daughter, Janna Osburne of Edwardsville; four grandchildren, Kenneth Jordan, Nicholas Bonk, Kenneth Bonk, Jr. and Ryan Nelson; four brothers, Wayne Mayes and Randy Mayes, both of Granite City, Ronnie Jordan of Bunker Hill and Jody Hinnen of Phoenix, Ariz.; one sister, Maryann Hoffman of Granite City; former wife, Brenda Jordan-Holmes of Granite City; and a close friend, Charles Ellette of Granite City. He was preceded in death by his father, Carl Jordan.

Services were held on Saturday, March 7, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with Rev. Wayne Mayes officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hills Cemetery.

Anna Cell

ANNA (PAPP) CELL, 95, of Tampa, Fla. died at 10:30 p.m. March 7, 1998, in Florida.

Mrs. Cell was born on April 5, 1902, in Padina, Yugoslavia. She had been a St. of

Lutheran Church and of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Tampa.

Survivors include two daughters, Bettie Irah of Tampa, Fla. and Phyllis Owens of Vail, Colo.; 23 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Cell; parents, John and Susan (Haynal) Papp; one son, Joseph Cell; and three daughters, Esther Henke, Pauline Lehman and Ruth Schneider.

Services were held on Wednesday, March 11, at Lutheran Church with Rev. Anthony Cook and Rev. S. Boda officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church.

Irwin Chapel handled the arrangements.

Richard Munier

RICHARD E. MUNIER, 67, of Belleville died Friday, March 6, 1998, at Eden Retirement Center in Glen Carbon.

Mr. Munier was born on Feb. 20, 1931, in Belleville. He had been a retired farmer and a member of the St. Teresa Catholic Church in Belleville and Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 1221.

Survivors include four nieces, Rita Butto of Quincy, Mo.; Rosalie Cucca of Edwardsville, Mo.; Mary Ellen Wright of Rock Hill, Mo.; and Gloria Faria of Belleville. He was preceded in death by parents, Jesse and Louisa (Dressler) Munier; one brother, Herman Munier; and one sister, Elvira Butto.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today, March 12, at George Renner and Sons Funeral Home. A prayer service will be at 5 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Services will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, March 13, from George Renner and Sons Funeral Home in Belleville for a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial with Rev. Robert G. Herlihy, Herman Munier, and one sister, Elvira Butto.

Memorials can be made to St. Teresa Catholic School Building Fund.

Calvin Waugh

Calvin M. Waugh, 70, of Granite City died at 9:25 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 1998.

Waugh was born June 13, 1927, in Marlinton, W.V.

He was a supervisor for more than 10 years at the Metro East Sanitary District. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Waugh was a proud member of Moose Lodge 4272 and American Legion, as well as a precinct committeeman for the Democratic Party.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia; one daughter, Donna Mueller of Valmeyer; two sons, Daniel Waugh of Hartford and David Waugh of St. Louis; one brother, Fone Waugh of Minnie, Mo.; and one sister, Marie Merz of Bacoona, Va. and Pearl Kincaid of Huntersville, N.C. As well, Waugh was the proud grandfather of nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, four brothers and four sisters.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today, March 12, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 13, at Irwin Chapel. Burial will follow at St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be given to the Leukemia Society of America.

Dean Lee Jr.

DEAN ROBERT LEE JR., 51, of Gulfport, Miss., formerly of Granite City, died at 6:52 a.m. Wednesday, March 11, 1998, in Gulfport. He was born Sept. 19, 1946, in Granite City.

A U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Lee was employed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield as a system analyst.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Edith (McBride) and Gilbert Styles of Collinsville; his companion, Sheri McDuffin of Gulfport; a sister, Nedra Bralley of Cookeville, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dean R. Lee Sr.

Visitation will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Services will follow at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Mel Sorenson officiating.

Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Edwardsville.

Olivia Bourbon

OLIVIA BOURBON, 88, of Glen Carbon died Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at the Madison County Nursing Home in Edwardsville.

Mrs. Bourbon was born Feb. 19, 1909, in St. Louis. She was a member of the Eastern Star and was a Pontoon Beach Committee Woman.

Survivors include, one sister, Florence Vesol of Glen Carbon; and three nieces and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Al Bourbon; parents, George and Rose (Dehardt) Clyde; three brothers, George, Andrew and Adolph Clyde; one sister, Beulah Rinsing.

Graveside services were Thursday, March 12, at St. John's Cemetery in Granite City, with the Rev. Alan Reiter officiating.

Werner Chapel handled the arrangements.

Leroy Fink

LEROY J. FINK, 89, of Washington, Mo. died Tuesday, March 3, 1998, at St. John's Mercy Hospital.

Mr. Fink was born on Feb. 23, 1909, in Mill Creek. He had been retired from Union Carbide as an inventory supervisor.

Survivors include one son, Bob Fink of Washington, Mo.; two grand children, Brian Fink and Brenda Giberson; three step-grandchildren, Duane, Bert and Amy; three great-grandchildren, Michael, Katie and Kacie; and one sister, Violet Dillow of Jonesboro.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frieda (Norris) Fink.

Services are today, March 5, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with Rev. Ken Clark officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Daryl Muth

DARYL E. MUTH, 71, of Vancouver, Wash., died Monday, March 2, 1998. He was born Oct. 10, 1926, in Britton, S.D.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, March 5, at St. John Lutheran Cemetery. A memorial service will be held after the funeral at St. John Lutheran Church in Vancouver, Wash.

Memorials can be made to the St. John Lutheran Church Carillon hymn collection or to Southwest Washington Hospice.

Catherine Papin

CATHERINE E. PAPIN, 93, of St. Genevieve died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1998, at St. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital. She was born Sept. 11, 1904, in Enfield.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Church of St. Genevieve, with the Rev. John Oakes and Deacon George Wood officiating. Burial was in Valley Spring Catholic Church. Stanton-Wood Mortuary handled the arrangements.

Thomas Signal

THOMAS D. SIGNAL, 73, of Brentwood, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died Friday, March 6, 1998, at Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis.

Services were Monday, March 9, at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City, with Rev. David Fielding officiating. The remains will be cremated. Memorials may be made to the Hope Lutheran Church in Granite City.

FUNERAL SUMMARY

Kathryn Bloodworth

KATHRYN "KITTY LOU" L. (BLOUROUGH) BLOODWORTH, 76, of Oklahoma City, Okla., died at Feb. 21, 1998, in Noble Health Care Center in Noble, Okla.

A brief graveside ceremony was held on Thursday, Feb. 26, at Friends Cemetery in Troy, with Rev. Frank Starick officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Noble Care Center, 1501 N. 8th Street, Noble, Okla. 73068.

Christopher Champion

CHRISTOPHER CHAMPION, 40, of Madison died Friday, March 6, 1998, at Christian Northwest Hospital.

Services were Monday, March 9, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with Rev. Alan Redfern officiating. Burial will be private.

Vera Craft

VERA V. CRAFT, 89, of Granite City died at 3:46 p.m. Sunday, March 8, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Services were Tuesday, March 10, at Thomas Chapel in Granite City, with Rev. Max Wood officiating.

Memorials can be made to Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Granite City.

Heuitt Degischer Jr.

HEUITT D. "SONNY" DEGISCHER JR., 68, of Collinsville died Saturday, March 7, 1998, at Belleville Memorial Hospital.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Anthony Cook officiating. The body will be cremated. Memorials may be made to the family. Irwin Chapel handled the arrangements.

Margaret Doak

MARGARET J. (TOLIER) DOAK, 64, of Granite City died Friday, March 6, 1998. She was born Aug. 29, 1933, in St. Louis.

Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City handled the arrangements. Burial will be at later date in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Kay Eichacker

KAY (GATTUNG) EICHACKER, 90,

Joe Hamilton Jr.

JOE HAMILTON JR., 65, of St. Louis died Monday, March 2, 1998, at Riverside Pavilion Care Center in St. Louis.

Services were Friday, March 6, at the Officer Funeral Home Metro East Chapel in East St. Louis, with the Rev. Jerome Jackson officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Edna McIlinn

EDNA MAE MCILINN, 77, of Madison died March 7, 1998, at her place of residence.

Services were Tuesday, March 10, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with Rev. James Hahn officiating. Burial will be at later date in Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society or Madison County Hospice.

Melvin Griffin

MELVIN R. GRIFFIN, 47, of Granite City died at 12:28 p.m. Sunday, March 8, 1998, at his residence.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at Thomas Mortuary in Granite City. Memorials may be given to the American Diabetes Association or Meadow Brook First Assembly of God.

Mt. Nebo hosts workshop

The support ministry of the Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, 809 Jefferson in Madison, is hosting a S.T.A.R.S. (Saints Together Aiding Recovery and Sobriety) workshop on Saturday.

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Sometimes the question arises as to whether a person is entitled to notice and a hearing before he or she can be held in contempt of court. Illinois courts have defined criminal contempt of court as "conduct which is calculated to embarrass, hinder or obstruct a court in its administration of justice or take away from its authority or dignity." The courts of this state have recognized two forms of criminal contempt: direct and indirect.

Direct criminal is contemptuous conduct occurring "in the very presence of the judge." Indirect criminal contempt may be found and punished without a hearing because all elements are within the immediate knowledge of the court.

Indirect criminal contempt is contemptuous conduct "which in whole or in part occurred out of the presence of the court, and which is therefore dependent for its proof upon the presentation of evidence. Since findings of indirect contempt require proof of matters outside the immediate knowledge of the judge, the person charged with contempt is entitled to notice, an opportunity to answer, and a hearing. In one recent case, a husband appeared in court with his wife in a divorce proceeding, and on the way out of the courtroom, he allegedly spit on her face. The wife's attorney alerted the judge to the occurrence, and the judge scheduled a contempt proceeding later in the day.

At the hearing, the husband denied spitting upon his wife. She testified that as she was leaving the courtroom, he pushed his way toward her and spit on the left side of her face and on her glasses. Her glasses were admitted into evidence and revealed a dried substance on the left lens.

An independent witness who was in court on the morning in question testified that she observed the husband spit on the wife's face. The husband again took the witness stand on his own behalf and stated that a gland under his tongue sprayed saliva involuntarily. The husband further stated that he was under stress and that this glandular reaction sometimes occurred during stressful moments. His dentist testified on his behalf and indicated that it was not uncommon for someone under stress to have fluid released when he talks.

The judge found that the husband intentionally spit on his wife, which caused a disruption to the courtroom and a delay in the administration of justice. The Court sentenced the husband to three days in jail.

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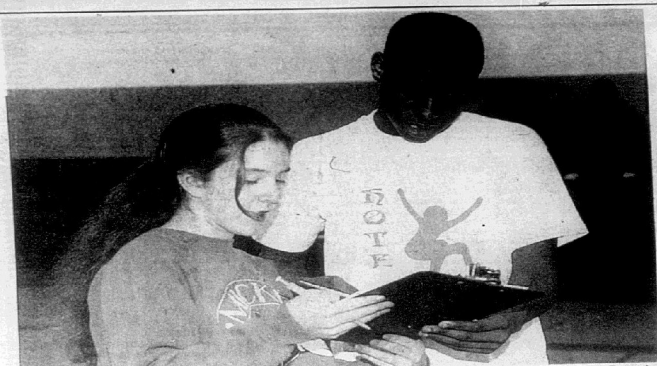
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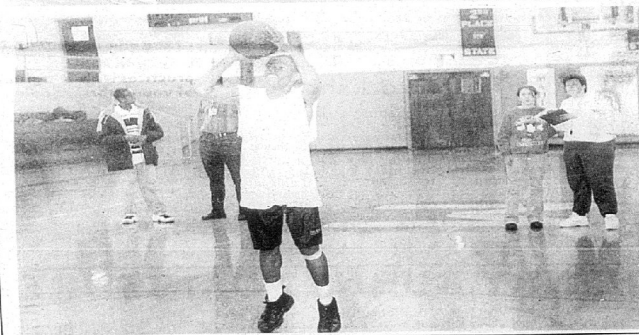
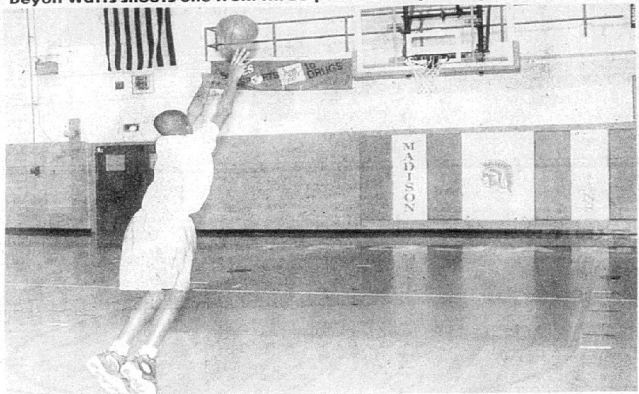
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Hoopin' — Madison High School junior Richard Barney, right, checks his score in Hoops for Heart, sponsored by the American Heart Association, with classmate Ashley Norman. Below, Allen Garrett, a junior at Madison High School, takes a shot during Hoops for Heart. At bottom, Deyon Watts shoots one from three-point country during Hoops for Heart.



Doctor believes in giving something back

Therapist is state president of Lung Association

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

As Dr. Denise Myles of Belleville sees it, everybody should give something back to their community.

"I enjoy working with a lot of organizations," she said. "But I think there are a lot of people who are like that. Some people may have one particular organization that they like to help out, or a volunteer for an activity that they enjoy."

"I make sure I do several of these activities. It's something I'm very proud about it and it's something my parents (Eddie and Pearlene) taught me at an early age."

A respiratory specialist, Myles is active in the American Lung Association. Her efforts have been recognized by the state chapter of the ALA, who recently elected her as its first African-American state president.

Myles was not surprised by the appointment.

In fact, she said the ALA has always been proactive, and is always looking for more minorities and other people to become involved.

The dean of academic affairs at Metropolitan Community College in East St. Louis, Myles has an added interest in the ALA.

She has asthma. Asthma is a lung disease that can be life threatening.

There are many kind of asthma triggers. In Myles' case, she is allergic to grass pollen and cigarette smoke.

So what's the good news in all of this?

Once you find out your triggers, you can do something to prevent asthma attacks, Myles said.

That's why Myles believes cigarette smoking should be avoided.

"Children are especially at risk when they breathe second-hand smoke," she said.

Myles has selected asthma education, tobacco control and

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environmental health as her high priorities areas that she'll emphasize as ALA president.

Myles started volunteering for the ALA 12 years ago while attending Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. People interested in volunteering can call 692-0585.

If Myles' past is any indication, all three of her goals will be achieved.

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Isadore Chambers has previously worked with Myles on several programs offered at Metropolitan Community College. He said he is not surprised that Myles does a lot of volunteering.

"She's that type of person," Chambers said. "She's one of the most beautiful people you meet in a long time. She's just a good person."

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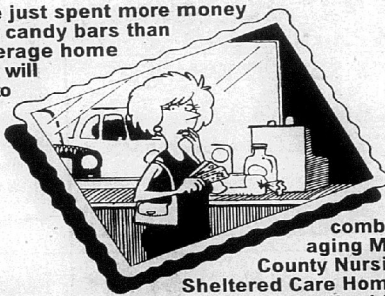
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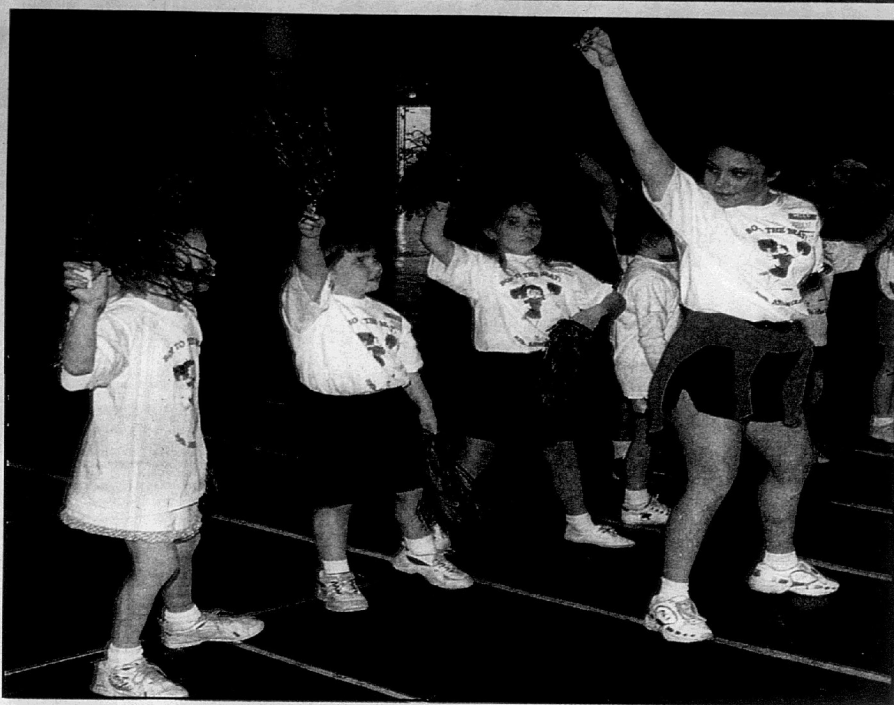
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Above: Holly Ryan of the Granite City Pom Pon squad performs a routine. Right: Megan Bilyeu, right, leads a group of second-graders through their steps; including (from left) Katlyn Walker, Alex Brawley and Jennilee Ishum.



Good time for all

For the younger girls, it was a chance to dance with the older girls they look up to. For the girls on the Granite City High School Pom Pon squad, it was a chance to play coach or teacher for a day. But for the parents, it was just a lot of fun.

A group of 347 young ladies from School District #9 spent Feb. 29 at the squad's tenth annual Pom Pon Clinic learning dance routines. Ages ran from kindergarten to eighth grade, but enthusiasm ran high in all ages.

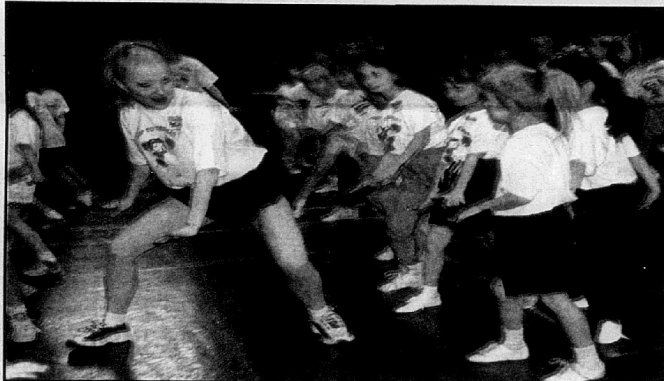
The girls spent a couple of hours learning routines tailored to age and skill, then performed for their parents in front of a packed high school gymnasium annex.

Pom pon mother Diana Ryan said the event was "a great time for all."

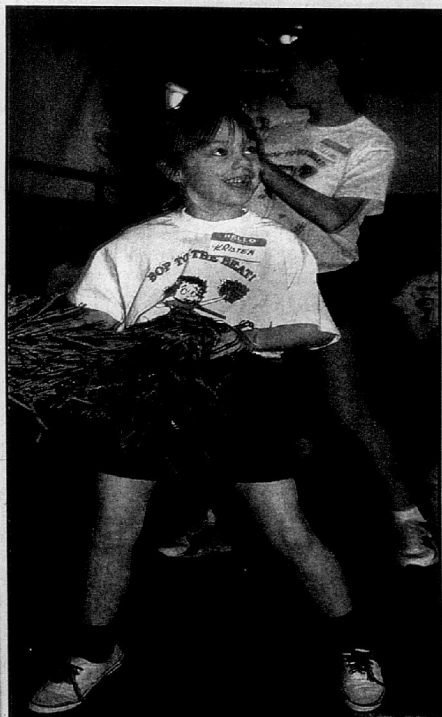
"The little ones especially love to come and perform with the older girls," she said. "All the parents I've talked to love it and wouldn't miss it."

Each of the girls who participated in the event received a T-shirt printed with this year's theme, "Bop to the Beat," a small set of poms and a certificate.

The pom squad is self-supporting, and the money raised from the youngsters' entry fees pays for next year's uniforms and (See CLINIC, Page 3C)



Far left: First grader Kriston Wingerter learns a dance number at the pom pon clinic. Left: Beth Reiter practices with her group of youngsters. Middle: One of the clinic's participants waves to her family. Middle, right, kindergartner Hannah Connor practices. Bottom: From left, Megan McKeon, Kimberly Snell, Lydia Bettors and Candice Johnson of the pom squad, teach their second graders a cheer.



Story and photos
by John Frese



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John Carlson and Jennifer Stimac

Stimac — Carlson

Jennifer Michelle Stimac, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Stimac of St. Jacob, formerly of Granite City, and John Gregory Carlson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonny Carlson of St. Jacob, formerly of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Stimac of St. Jacob is a 1994 graduate of Granite City Senior High School, and a student of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She is majoring in Sociology/Employee Relations and plans to graduate in December. She plans on going on to get her Master's Degree in Sociology.

Carlson is a 1991 graduate of Granite City Senior High School, and a 1995 graduate of Parks College of St. Louis University with a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. He is currently employed by Anheuser-Busch as a project/electrical engineer corporate engineering.

The couple are planning a June 27 wedding at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison.



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Rob Walters and Tracy Hamilton

Hamilton — Walters

Tracy Hamilton, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Baker of Maryville and Larry Hamilton of Granite City, and Rob Walters, the son of Jane and Robert Walters of Manchester, Mo., have announced their engagement.

Hamilton of Maryville has a Master of Arts degree in clinical psychology from University of Illinois. She is employed by Mental Health Association of Greater St. Louis as a program director.

Walters has a bachelor of Science degree in Business from UMSL. He is employed in sales by Headco Industries in St. Louis.

The couple are planning a August 1998 wedding at Eden United Church of Christ in Edwardsville.

Trip planned to Casino Queen

You can enjoy lunch and a movie, but at two different locations, when Belleville Area College's Programs and Services for Older Persons sponsors a trip April 9 to the Casino Queen riverboat and the TiVoli Theatre.

The trip will begin with a cruise and lunch on the Casino Queen in East St. Louis. Then, it's on to the TiVoli in St. Louis to watch an old-fashioned classic film on the big screen.

The cost of the trip is \$15, which includes lunch and admission to the casino and theater. The reservation deadline is March 23.

Eagles Auxiliary members attend weekend event

Granite City Eagles Auxiliary #1126 members attended the State Officers Weekend in Shiloh on Feb. 12.

Those attending from Granite City were Joanna Spencer and Martha Simpson. A total of 32 members were present.

The 2 p.m. meeting was opened by Pat Haak, Shiloh president, who welcomed the state officers and chairman with a gift: Ruth Brown, state president; Theresa McWhiney, state vice president; Rita Cuoco, state treasurer and wife of Aerie State President Charlie Cuoco of Alton; past state presidents Helen Meyer of Alton, Mary Stogmar of Collinsville, Kathy Dullea of Shiloh and Elaine Jagla of Shiloh, State Outside Guard; and the following chairmen: Marilyn Oyen and Jean Seper of Alton, Marsha Bryant of Carbondale, Ruth Ann Lynn and Darla Vander Bloom of Quincy, Audrey Spradlin, Sharon Woolley, Betty Clark, and Linda Vandorn.

The gavel was then turned over to the ritual Team, of Oyen: President Vivian Tosi, Conductor Kathy Dullea, Jr., Past President Elaine Jagla, and Joan Acord, Chaplain, who held the initiation ceremony for four new members: Carol Weldon, Tina Simone, Kim Lamkin and Elaine McDaniel of Shiloh.

Other members in attendance were: Margie Wright, Barbara Wright, Evelyn Jacobs, Marilyn Seper, Judy Baes, Bonnie Werner of Shiloh, and Martha Howett of Alton. Ruth Brown thanked the new members and welcomed all who had come to make her weekend here so special, and talked about our upcoming convention, her enjoyable travels throughout the state this year, and asked everyone to be a part of their auxiliary and the enjoyment they would receive from it.

Everyone was invited to attend the banquet and entertainment at 6 p.m.

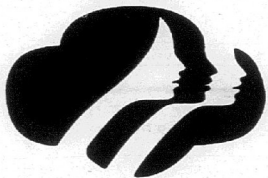
Elkettes hold pot-luck dinner

Hostess for the Elkettes' pot luck dinner on Feb. 3 were Marcia Buenger, Erma Beide, Evelyn Cross, and Sandy Kozyak, who led the group in prayer. Renee Myers was introduced as a new member by Ed Dittman.

Following the pot luck, Mildred Noeth, president, opened the business meeting. Correspondence was read by Hilda Lombardi from the many organizations that received donations from the Elkettes at Christmas. The group voted to give a \$300 donation to the National Foundation of the Illinois Elks. Gladys Gandoria, a past president, was voted a lifetime membership in the Elkettes. Ella Wade received the 50/50 prize.

Mrs. Noeth announced the following dates: March 3 - election of new officers; March 4 - spaghetti dinner; April 4 - installation of new officers in conjunction with the Elks' appreciation dinner. She also reminded members that the annual dues should now be paid. Sandy Kozyak closed the meeting with a prayer. The next meeting was to be held on March 3.

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